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Of the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States, convened in the German Reformed church, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in the month of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine. The sessions continued from the evening of the eighteenth to the afternoon of the twenty-seventh day of the month inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

Opening of Synod.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the President, the Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, D. D., prior to which he preached a sermon from James 1: 27, "*Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.*"

ARTICLE II.

Members Present.

1.) *From the Classis of East Pennsylvania.*

Rev. Daniel Y. Heisler,* Cyrus J. Becker° and John Beck.

Elders—John Laubach, Thomas Butz and Samuel Utt.

2.) *From the Classis of Lebanon.*

Rev. Augustus L. Herman, † Franklin W. Kremer and Charles F. McCauley.‡

Elders—John F. Moers, John Wolfensberger (1) and George Schollenberger.** (4)

3.) *From the Classis of Zion.*

Rev. Jacob O. Miller,(4) Amos H. Kremer and Julius Kurtz.‡‡

Elders—William A. Wilt, David Bahn (1) (3) and John P. Hassler. (1) (2.)

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*Was succeeded on the afternoon of the fifth day of the sessions by the Rev. Joshua H. Derr.

†Was succeeded on the afternoon of the sixth day of the sessions by the Rev. Jonathan E. Heister.

‡ Took his seat on the morning of the second day of the sessions, prior to which it was occupied by the Rev. Thomas H. Leinbach.

** Took his seat on the afternoon of the third day of the sessions.

° His seat was occupied by his secundus, the Rev. Joseph S. Dubs, from the morning of the fourth until the afternoon of the fifth day of the sessions.

‡‡ Took his seat on the afternoon of the third day of the sessions.

1 Took their seats on the afternoon of the first day of the sessions.

2 Obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the fourth day of the sessions.

3 Obtained leave of absence on the morning of the sixth day of the sessions.

4 Obtained leave of absence on the morning of the seventh day of the sessions.

4.) *From the Classis of Maryland.*

Rev. Charles Cast, Mortimer L. Shuford, (8) Lewis A. Brunner and Henry Wissler.

Elders—William H. Knode, John Rodenmayer, David Smith(8) and Goldsborough S. Griffith. (1)

5.) *From the Classis of Philadelphia.*

Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, D. D. and N. S. Aller.

Elders—Philip Hoover, John Garner and Robert Umstead.

6.) *From the Classis of Virginia.*

Rev. John C. Hensell (7) and John H. Crawford.

Elder—Peter Roller. (7)

7.) *From the Classis of North Carolina.*

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8.) *From the Classis of Mercersburg.*

Rev. Philip Schaff, D. D., Frederick A. Rupley, Benjamin S. Schneck, D. D., Samuel Philips and Thomas G. Apple.

Elders—William Heyser, Henry Ruby(3) and Adam B. Wingerd.

9.) *From the Classis of Goshenhoppen.*

Rev. N. S. Strassburger, Daniel Weiser and Wm. Philips.(2)

Elders—N. Wolfinger,(4) J. Van Reed and Daniel Roeder.(4)

10.) *From the Classis of New York.*

Rev. Diedrich Willers.

Elder—John H. Schmidt.

11.) *From the Classis of Lancaster.*

Rev. Isaac S. Demund, Henry Harbaugh and Theodore Appel. (5)

Elders—Rudolph F. Kelker and William Orth.

12.) *From the Classis of East Susquehanna.*

Rev. Albert G. Dole,(6) William Goodrich and John W. Steinmetz.(7)

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8 Obtained leave of absence on the evening of the seventh day of the sessions.

1 Took his seat on the morning of the second, and obtained leave of absence on the morning of the seventh day of the sessions.

2 Took his seat on the afternoon of the first day of the sessions, prior to which it was occupied by the secundus, Rev. Augustus L. Dechant.

3 Obtained leave of absence on the morning of the sixth day of the sessions.

4 Obtained leave of absence on the morning of the fourth day of the sessions.

5 Took his seat on the afternoon of the first day of the sessions. His seat prior to that time and subsequent to the afternoon of the fifth day of the sessions, was occupied by the secundus, the Rev. Martin A. Smith.

6 Was succeeded on the morning of the seventh day of the sessions by the Rev. Ephraim Kieffer.

7 Obtained leave of absence on the morning of the seventh day of the sessions.

Elders—Simon Lantz and Jacob Sechler.

13.) *From the Classis of West Susquehanna.*

Rev. William H. Groh, Samuel Gutelius and Franklin J. Mohr.

Elders—Philip Meyer, John F. Pontius and Abraham Brown.(3)

14.) *From the Classis of Clarion.*

Rev. David B. Ernst and Henry F. Hartman.

Elder—Eli George.

15.) *Synod of Ohio and adjacent States.*

Rev. Henry Williard.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

From the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Rev. George A. Lyon, D. D.

From the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania.

Rev. George A. Mertz.

From the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Rev. Charles A. Hay, D. D.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

From the Classis of East Pennsylvania—Rev. Joshua H. Derr, Frederick Strassner.

From the Classis of Lebanon—Rev. Joseph H. Apple, Jonathan R. Hiester.

From the Classis of Zion—Rev. William C. Bennet, Theodore P. Bucher, David Bossler.

From the Classis of Maryland—Rev. Daniel Zacharias, D. D., John Külling, John S. Foulk, Elias Heiner, D. D.

From the Classis of Virginia—Rev. John M. Titzel.

From the Classis of Mercersburg—Rev. John Rebaugh, William M. Deatrick, Charles F. Hoffmeier, Jacob Hassler, Henry W. Super Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., Benjamin Bausman, Samuel H. Reid, Jeremiah M. Mickley, Joseph S. Loose.

From the Classis of Goshenhoppen—Rev. William G. Hackman, Peter S. Fisher, A. S. Vaughan, Augustus L. Dechant.

From the Classis of Lancaster—Rev. Daniel Gans, Martin A. Smith, Isaac E. Graeff, Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D., William T. Gerhard, Thomas C. Porter, Isaac Gerhart.

From the Classis of East Susquehanna—Rev. George Wolff, David W. Wolff, Ephraim Kieffer, C. Z. Weiser.

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§ Obtained leave of absence on the morning of the sixth day of the sessions.

From the Classis of West Susquehanna—Rev. John C. Bucher, Charles H. Leinbach, Lewis C. Edmonds.

From the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States—Rev. Christian C. Russell, Moses Kieffer, D. D., Jeremiah Heller.

ARTICLE III.

Election of Officers.

Rev. Philip Schaff, D. D., was chosen *President.*

Rev. Amos H. Kremer, was chosen *Corresponding Secretary.*

William Heyser, Esq., was chosen *Treasurer.*

Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., *Stated Clerk.*

ARTICLE IV.

Rules of Order.

The rules of order were read by the Stated Clerk.

The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the sessions:

The *Morning Session* to open at 9 and close at 12 o'clock.

The *Afternoon Session* to open at 2 and close at 5 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

Standing Committees.

The following were appointed:

On Minutes of Synod—Rev. Samuel Gutelius, Diedrick Willers, Daniel Y. Heisler, and Elders William Heyser and John Rodenmayer.

On Overtures—Rev. John C. Hensell, Cyrus J. Becker, William H. Groh, and Elders Jacob Sechler and Eli George.

On Correspondence with Sister Churches—Rev. Isaac S. Demund, Henry Williard, Amos H. Kremer, and Elders John Laubach and Simon Lantz.

On Minutes of Classes—Rev. Benjamin S. Schneck, D. D., Augustus L. Herman, Mortimer L. Shuford, N. S. Strassburger, William Goodrich, Franklin W. Kremer, John H. Crawford, and Elders John F. Pontius and Philip Hoover.

On Examination, Licensure and Ordination—Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, D. D., John Beck, Isaac S. Demund, and Elders William Heyser and William Orth.

On the State of Religion and Statistical Reports—Rev. Henry Harbaugh, Albert G. Dole, Henry F. Hartman, and Elders Abraham Brown and Philip Meyer.

On the Theological Seminary—Rev. Thomas G. Apple, Henry Wissler, Samuel Gutelius, and Elders Adam B. Wingerd and Rudolph F. Kelker.

On Missions—Franklin W. Kremer, Theodore Appel, Charles Cast, and Elders Thomas Butz and Abraham Brown.

On Finance—Rev. Frederick A. Rupley, N. S. Strassburger, Lewis A. Brunner, and Elders William A. Wilt and John F. Moers.

On Nominations—Rev. Daniel Weiser, David B. Ernst, Jacob O. Miller, and Elders Daniel Roeder and John Garner.

On Publication—Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, D. D., Daniel Y. Heisler, Samuel Philips, and Elders Rudolph F. Kelker and Henry Ruby.

ARTICLE VI.

Communications.

1.) One copy each of the Acts and Proceedings of the German Reformed Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, and of the Minutes of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church; several copies each of the Minutes of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania; and also two letters from the German Evangelical Church Diet, one copy of the Proceedings of the said Diet, held in Hamburg in September, 1858, and several pamphlets from the same source, were received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches.

2.) The Minutes of Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Zion, Maryland, Virginia, Philadelphia, Mercersburg, Goshenhoppen, New York, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, and Clarion, were received, and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the Reports on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, which were referred to the Committee on that subject.

3.) The annual reports of the Boards of Trustees and of Visitors of the Theological Seminary were received, and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

4.) The annual reports of the Boards of Foreign and of Domestic Missions were received, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

5.) The annual report of the Treasurer of Synod was received, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

6.) The annual report of the Board of Publication was received, and referred to the Committee on Publication.

7.) A memorial was received from the second German Reformed church of Reading, Pa., and referred to a special committee. [See Article XXI Miscellaneous.]

8.) The other communications were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

Minutes of Synod.

The reading of the Minutes of the last annual sessions of Synod was dispensed with and they were referred to the Committee on Minutes of Synod. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and disposed of item by item:

The Committee appointed to report the unfinished items of business in the Minutes of Synod, respectfully report the following:

1) Page 13. A request to the several Classes to cöoperate with the Western Synod in the publication of a Child's Paper.

2) Page 15. The Rev G. Wolff was appointed delegate to the German Reformed Synod of Ohio and adjacent States.

The Rev. Joseph S. Dubs and John W. Hoffmeier were appointed Delegates to the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania.

The Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., was appointed delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (N. S.)

3) Page 18. A continuation of the committee on correspondence with the Pastoral Conference of Switzerland and the Reformed Conference of Germany.

4) Page 19. The appointment of a committee to reply to the letter of the German Evangelical Church Diet.

5) Page 40. Instructions to the Corresponding Secretary to write to the Secretaries of the several Classes to supply the deficiency in their statistical reports.

6) Page 52. A reference to the Classes in regard to the necessity of increasing the number of students in the Theological Seminary.

7) Page 53. The continuation of the committee to prosecute the suit against Ex-Sheriff Duncan.

8) Page 54. The committee on Mrs. Clopp's legacy.

9) Page 58. A continuation of the committee on the Theological Tutorship.

10) Page 58. A request to the committee on the investment of the Kieffer fund to report at this meeting of Synod.

11) Page 59. The appointment of a committee to report on the removal of the Seminary from its present location.

12) Page 59. The appointment of a committee to prepare a schedule of studies for beneficiaries and other students in certain cases.

13) Page 96. A request to the Financial Committee to address delinquents on the 17,000 Dollar Fund.

14) Page 96. A request to the Goshenhoppen Classis to dismiss the Rev. J. Naille to Lancaster Classis, and to the Rev. J. Naille to pay his dues to the said Classis.

15) Page 101. Instructions to the Board of Publication to fix the salaries of Editors.

16) Page 103. The appointment of a committee to report on the contract between Synod and the firm of M. Kieffer & Co.

17) Page 104. Instructions to the Stated Clerk in regard to the publication of the Minutes of Synod.

18) Page 105. The appointment of a committee to translate the Provisional Liturgy into the German language.

19) Page 105. The appointment of a committee to propose a plan or system for the erection a Publication Board to provide a Church literature.

20) Page 114. The appointment of a committee to procure an act of incorporation for this Synod from the Legislature of Pennsylvania.

S. GUTELIUS, *Chairman.*

For the result of the action of Synod referred to in Items 1, 6, and 14, see Article X, Minutes of Classes.

For the reports of the delegates to Corresponding bodies, referred to in Item 2, and the reports of the committees referred to in Items 3 and 4, see Article IX, Correspondence with Sister Churches.

The Corresponding Secretary reported, that he had complied with the instructions referred to in Item 5.

For the result of the action of Synod referred to in Items 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, see Article XIII, Theological Seminary.

For the result of the action of Synod referred to in Item 13, see Article XX, Finance.

For the result of the action of Synod referred to in Items 15, 16, 17 and 19, see Article XIX, Publication.

For the report of the committee referred to in Item 18, see Article XX, Church Government, and in Item, 20, see Article XXI, Miscellaneous.

ARTICLE VIII.

Overtures.

The Committee on Overtures submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Overtures beg leave to report,

That but one document has been placed in their hands. This is an appeal of the Pennsburg congregation from the decision of the Goshenhoppen Classis relative to its reception of the Hoffman charge, thereby forming a new congregation of suspended and irregular members in the midst of the charge of the Rev. D. Weiser.

Your committee would recommend the reading of the letter before Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. HENSELL, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on this appeal, see Article XVI, Appeals and References.

ARTICLE IX.

Correspondence with Sister Churches.

I.) REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

It is our privilege to have the presence of some of our brethren at home, and receive interesting intelligence from others abroad.

We greet, from the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America, the Rev. C. A. Hay, D. D.; from the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, the Rev. G. A. Mertz—from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, the Rev. George A. Lyon, D. D.—and from the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, the Rev. Henry Williard—presenting us with copies of their proceedings, and assuring us of high Christian regard, with confidence that the mutual good-will, hitherto subsisting, will continue and increase.

Our own delegates to these Bodies are reported as having been affectionately received—one of them alone having been

disappointed on account of the indisposition of the Rev. E. Heiner, D. D., for whom personally they are pleased to express their prayerful solicitude.

Quite as refreshing is the correspondence from the Fatherland; a letter from the German Evangelical Church Diet—a translation of which was published in the "German Reformed Messenger," April 6th, 1859, heartily responding to the measures adopted by us for the benefit of immigrants to our country, that long has been, and yet is, the home of the free and the refuge of the oppressed—breathing, moreover, ardent desires for the rich blessings of grace, both on themselves of the old world, and upon us of the new. It comes to us from the Central Committee for Inner Missions, under the signature of Dr. Wichern and Biernatzki.

From the same source several Pamphlets have come to hand, two of which are designed for Christian Associations of young men, and four lesser ones for associations of mechanics, to promote their best interests now and forever.

The proceedings of the tenth German Evangelical Church Diet, held in Hamburg, Sept., 1858, are also with us, as well as another letter to this Synod from a Committee of the German Evangelical Church, signed by Wichern, Von Mühler, Stiehl, Hoffman, Hertz, Von Tippelskirch, A. Abendroth, Von Brismerk Bohlen, demanding perhaps the action of a special committee.

Thus, by a generous Providence, we enjoy the communion of saints and hail the dawn, if not the full moon, of that latter day, when the faithful, face to face, and by pen and ink, shall come to interchange and mingle the heart-seated sympathies and interests which renewing grace from our exalted head, Jesus Christ, originates as antepasts of the higher and holier communings of that state where we all will be irradiated by the same light and pervaded by the same love and joy, raising around the throne of God and the Lamb the everlasting song, "Unto Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

Respectfully submitted,

I. S. DEMUND, *Chairman.*

In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee in the above report, the documents from the Church Diet, were referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Joshua H. Derr, Benjamin S. Schneck, D. D., Henry Williard, and Elders Rudolph F. Kelker and Philip Meyer.

This committee submitted the following report, which was adopted:

The committee to whom were referred the documents from the Central Committee on Inner Missions of the Evangelical Church Diet of Germany, beg leave to report as follows:

The following documents were placed into our hands:

1.) Six copies of a small pamphlet, entitled: "A Directory for young Mechanics," designed to point out to them proper places of resort, whilst on their various journeys during their years of apprenticeship.

2.) Two copies of a very interesting and instructive pamphlet containing forty-six pages, and entitled: "A word to youths' societies and societies of journeymen-apprentices, prepared at the request of the Central Committee on Inner Missions, by F. Meyeringh."

3.) One copy of a pamphlet of 122 pages, it being the minutes of the tenth Evangelical Church Diet, held at Hamburg in September, 1858.

4.) A circular manuscript letter, addressed to the Agents and Voluntary Correspondents of, and also to the Associations and Institutions connected with the Central Committee. From this we learn, that the vacancy which occurred in the Presidency of the Church Diet, by the elevation of the Hon. von Bethmann Hollweg to the office of Minister of Instruction, Public Worship and Medical affairs in the kingdom of Prussia, has been filled by the election of the Rev. Dr. Wichern. This choice, we are happy to learn, renders universal satisfaction. The object and various spheres of labor of the Central Committee for Inner Missions, are set forth at length in this very interesting circular, which breathes thoughout the spirit of Christian love and charity.

From the minutes of the Church Diet we also learn, that our delegate, the Rev. Benjamin Schneider, D. D., was in attendance upon the sessions of the Diet, that he presented the greetings of the German Reformed Church in America to the Diet; that he was most cordially received as he has also already reported to us, and that our Christian salutations and feelings of interest and love were most fully and sincerely reciprocated by our brethren beyond the waters.

The whole of the documents placed into our hands, breathe a most Christian spirit. They furnish evidence, that our fathers and brethren in the fatherland are earnestly, energetically and devotedly engaged in diffusing the leaven-like, transforming power of the kingdom of Christ into every sphere and every relation of life. These things are truly refreshing, and the pious zeal and devotion of these brethren to the cause and kingdom of our common Redeemer, furnishes a truly impressive example, and one which calls upon us to double our diligence in the same cause.

God has greatly blessed the labors of our trans-Atlantic brethren, which is to us a source of gratitude to our heavenly

Father; and they deserve, as they also desire, our continual sympathies, and prayers.

In conclusion, your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1.) *Resolved*, That the circular letter referred to above, be read before this Synod, and that it be published in our Minutes, according to the principle adopted at the last Synod.

2.) *Resolved*, That this correspondence with the German Church Diet be continued; and that to this end a committee be appointed for the present year, with instructions to send to the Church Diet a letter of greeting, giving a full statement of the state and progress of our Church in this country; and also to send a delegate, if an opportunity present itself.

3.) *Resolved*, That the officers of Synod be authorized to furnish any delegate, which the above committee may appoint, with proper credentials.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA H. DERR, *Chairman.*

The following persons were appointed the committee of correspondence called for in the second resolution of the above report: Rev. Benjamin S. Schneck, D. D., Joshua H. Derr, Benjamin Bausman, John H. A. Bomberger, D. D., John S. Kessler, D. D., and Elders Rudolph F. Keller and Goldsborough S. Griffith.

The following are the communications from Germany referred to in the preceding reports:

A LETTER FROM THE GERMAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH DIET.

Reverend Fathers and Brethren:

We have received, with heartfelt gratitude, your communication of the first of April last, in addition to the Minutes of your Synod, which met in October, 1857, at Allentown, Lehigh county, Pa. We are gratified to learn that your work is carried forward with unanimity and success, and that your field of labor is continually extending. In the former, we have an evidence of your fraternal fellowship with us in the spirit of our Lord and Saviour, and of the zeal with which you strive to promote and extend in all directions, the spiritual life and faith of your congregations. We regard among the evidences of your activity, the publishing of a new German Hymn Book and the founding of a Theological Tutorship. We have received the intelligence of these your endeavors, with additional interest, inasmuch as they are a response to similar efforts on our part, designed for the same end, and are, therefore, calculated to strengthen the tie which already binds your Church to ours.

We confidently hope that your preparation and adoption of a special religious service for the *formal reception* of German

immigrants into your congregations, will further contribute to the cementing of this union. Since you have received this form into your Liturgy, we can only yet express the desire that it may be used and practically applied, in the spirit in which it was composed and published. In like manner we continue our efforts to dismiss emigrants with appropriate religious services, and have urgently recommended this practice to the different Ecclesiastical Governments. The societies amongst us, which educate and send ministers to the West of North America, to gather the Evangelical Germans there into congregations, we endeavor to bring into more intimate connection with the larger German Churches of the United States, with the conviction that by this means they can gain a firmer foot-hold and a more secure foundation.

At the meeting of the Church Diet held in September last, we had the pleasure of seeing your delegate present, Dr. Schneider from Aintab, Syria. You will see from our published proceedings forwarded to you, how diversified our discussions have been this time ; yet in spite of these there was a unanimity of spirit, which was peculiarly refreshing. The cordial address of your delegate, who was about to return to his Syrian congregations, gave evidence of the vital spiritual communion of Christians on both sides of the Ocean, and the reply of the President of the Church Diet, invoking God's blessing upon him on his journey, met with the warmest approbation of the numerous assemblage.

We cannot inform you as yet of the time and place for the next meeting of the Church Diet. As soon as this matter shall have been definitely decided, we will apprise you of it. We should be gratified if you could again send delegates to our next meeting, who could tell us more in detail of the extent of your Church, and of the internal and spiritual condition of its congregations.

In the meanwhile, you will doubtless receive our letter of December 31, 1857, besides a copy of the proceedings of the Church Diet convened in Stuttgardt ; as also our third report, entitled, " Blicke in das Arbeitsfeld für die innere Mission," for the years 1855 and 1856, which we trust you have honored with an examination at the last annual meeting of your Synod held in Frederick, Md. You will observe from this third report, what manifold activities and duties devolve upon us, and how concerned we are in our sphere of labor to excite a more general participation in the correspondence and connection we have formed with your body. We have continued without interruption to carry forward our work in its various departments, especially also in behalf of the emigrants to North America.

Our missionary, pastor Ostertag, has labored with unwearied diligence among the Evangelical Germans in Rotterdam, and sought to gather them into a fixed congregational organ-

ization. The more formidable and trying the obstacles which intervened, the more welcome and grateful was his labor to the numerous German emigrants which annually streamed through Rotterdam, on their way to the New World. After laboring for three years and a half, he was relieved in September last by pastor Schwarz, whom we have called thither to carry forward the work so nobly begun. We commend this work, which we have commenced and hitherto supported at a great sacrifice, to your special sympathy. We hope that this may furnish a new occasion to strengthen the bond of fellowship between us and our brethren in the faith beyond the Ocean.

We have continued to labor for the sanctification of the Sabbath. A fervent zeal has been awakened in many places, for the better observance of the Lord's day, so that the Councils of Church and State have found it necessary to revise or review the existing Sunday-laws. Thus our Government measurably co-operates with our Evangelical people, to create a sense of the necessity for a more general Christian observance of the Sabbath day, as the Lord requires it in His word. The special Conference held in Hamburg on this subject, submitted to us propositions to support this object, which will aid us in its further and successful development.

The distribution of bibles to wedding couples is becoming a general custom, and is a cheering evidence of the love our people have for the Word of God, to excite and promote which, shall continue to be our unfaltering aim. We deem the conference of delegates from the German Bible Societies held at the Church Diet of Stuttgardt and Hamburg, important auxiliaries for this end. They have mutually agreed carefully to restore the revised and common text of Luther's translation of the Bible. The work of revision has been committed to the Reverend Consteinischen Bible Institute of Halle, whose editions of the Scripture are most extensively circulated. They have already procured the services of several distinguished linguists, eminent for their Christian scholarship. The foundation has thus been laid and the initiatory steps taken for the execution of this arduous and important enterprise. The ready co-operation and promised support of the principle German Bible Societies, will help to accelerate the completion of this work, though at best not without much time and toil. This cause, likewise, deserves the regard of the German Evangelical Denominations in North America, in the circulation of the Bible among their congregations.

The cause of Temperance, which offers a vast field of labor for Inner Missions, at present receives the attention of our State Authorities. We have done all in our power to show the Administrative councils of Government, the importance of enacting laws prohibiting the retailing of liquor, the prolific source of intemperance among the lower classes, and that its use be

restricted to cases of absolute necessity. These efforts have not been without success. The cause has not only received the vigorous support of the representative councils of Prussia, but likewise of the State chambers of other States and Governments. Besides, ecclesiastical corporations, impelled by existing Temperance Societies, have done their part to check intemperance. Already the most blessed results are seen. The number of tap-houses is steadily decreasing, and liquor has been banished from circles where its use was formerly regarded as an inoffensive habit.

The Christian young men and apprentice associations continue to reeive increased attention. The general tendency and inclination to association and fellowship, is directed into the proper channel by these societies. We have published a work: "Ein Wort zu und über die Jünglings-und Gesellen-Vereine," which we have circulated among them. It contains a summary of their history, and of the main design of their founding, direction and development. Besides this we have published the second edition of the "Addressbuch für Handwerks-gesellen," in which pretty nearly all these societies of Germany are given, and the names of those persons who have volunteered to counsel and assist travelling apprentices. In addition to the addresses for Holland, France, England and Switzerland, the book also contains those of the members connected with the Young Men's Association of North America and its branches, a feature which entitles it to the notice of the Germans in your country. We have taken the liberty to send you several copies of these two publications.

The reforming of the lodging system for travelling apprentices, is closely related to the foregoing associations. The houses where traveling apprentices usually board and lodge, are the abodes of beastly and unrestricted corruption The establishing of new lodging houses on a Christian basis, will at least partially counteract the evil influences of these purlieus of vice, and aim at their final suppression. We have labored for some time to arrange and support better and purer houses for these young craftsmen. We have them already in successful operation in Bonn, Berlin, Stettin, Frankfort on the Otter, Gotha, Zurich, etc. It is our ardent wish to see their number increased and to have a care that they be known and visited by those for whose benefit they were founded. With a view to this end, we have induced the two largest associations, the Rhenish-Westphalian and the Eastern, which has its centre in Berlin, to record our list of addresses, lodging houses, etc., in the journals which they give to their members.

We have seen fit, beloved Fathers and Brethren in the Lord, to give you the foregoing account of the progress of our manifold labors. We might yet dwell on other channels of our operations, of which our third report treats in detail. But we will

close, so as not to weary you, asking for a letter of reply, containing a statement of the effective powers, aims and results of the congregations composing your Synods. In our earnest endeavors in behalf of the general objects of Inner Missions, it would be very gratifying, as well as of great service to us, to ascertain to what extent and for what objects, the interest for the manifold activities of Inner Missions, has been created in your congregations, and the measure of success attending its prosecution. We believe that in your congregations too, the cause of Temperance has its advocates; that the sanctification of the Sabbath has been a subject of your earnest consultation and reflection; that the spread of Christian publications and other objects of similar import, are zealously promoted, and it will be a matter of great importance for us to know more about these in detail.

We have recently received interesting intelligence from the far West, respecting *houses of refuge* which are said to exist there. We desire to know more about them, and will aid in making them more generally known, by publishing such news as may be communicated to us in "den Fliegenden Blättern aus dem Rauhen House." Should you have similar or kindred Institutions in your Church, whether for educational purposes, or for the training and nursing of the sick and afflicted, communications on the subject would be extremely gratifying to us.

We pray that the Lord, who has formed the bond of communion between you and us through His Spirit, may also keep and preserve it to our mutual invigoration and strength, that we may labor faithfully to build up His Kingdom in the spheres of action He has assigned us, through the proclamation of His Gospel. To this end may His richest blessing rest upon your annual ecclesiastical assemblies, and may He graciously own all that you there discuss and transact in His name. May He fill you with wisdom and enlighten your eyes that you may understand His counsel; may He protect and shield your congregations and their pastors. Among you and us, on both sides of the Ocean, may His promise be fulfilled more and more, of the one fold under the one Shepherd.

Berlin and Hamburg,

January 31st, 1859.

The Central Committee for Inner Missions of the German Evangelical Church.

DR. WICHERN.

BIERNATZKI.

CIRCULAR LETTER FROM THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON INNER MISSIONS OF THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH DIET OF GERMANY.*

To the Agents and voluntary Correspondents, as well as to the Associations and Institutions connected with the Central Committee:

The appointment, in the beginning of November of last year, of the former President of the Central Committee on Inner Missions of the German Evangelical Church, Dr. von Bethmann Hollweg, to the office of Minister of Public Worship, Instruction and Medical Affairs, was attended with the consequence for our association, that he was compelled by the duties of his station, to resign, the presidency of the Central Committee, which he had hitherto filled.

Duly honoring the overwhelming reasons for this determination, we were compelled to yield to this as to an inevitable step. The Lord has laid his blessing upon the faithful co-labors which our late President devoted, ever since its founding, during a period of now ten years, to the Central Committee. In grateful remembrance of this, we addressed to him the urgent solicitation not to dissolve entirely the bond between him and us, but that he might, released from the duties of the presidency and of actual membership, not renounce the privileges of the same, and that he might continue his connection with the Central Committee in the character of an Honorary President. To this our solicitation we have received an assenting answer, attesting the further undiminished heart-felt interest of His Excellency, the Minister von Bethmann Hollweg, in our labors; and it redounds to our inmost joy to be able, by this means, to communicate to our agents, correspondents, and especially those societies and institutions, which have attached themselves to our Central Committee, as well as to our friends elsewhere, the information of this to them certainly also grateful and joy-bringing result of this negotiation.

With the occurring of this vacancy in the post of President of the Central Committee, the duty devolved upon us of taking measures for filling it again. In connection with this we called to mind, that already with the first institution of the Central Committee, in the year 1848, the heart-felt wish was entertained among many of us, in more extended circles, that Dr. Wichern, whose views as to the sphere of Inner Missions in the Evangelical Church in Germany, expressed at the first Church Diet of Wittemberg, gave the living impulse for the meeting of the Central Committee, should be at the head of the same and should assume its direction. Only considerations which had their reason in external circumstances prevented this wish from being accomplished. These considerations no longer exist to the same extent. There existed no longer any hindrance from returning to the earlier thought, and the members of the Cen-

* Translated by the committee of Synod.—*Stated Clerk.*

tral Committee have, therefore, unanimously resolved, to request the Chief Counsellor of the Consistory, Dr. Wichern, now to assume the presidency of the Central Committee. Dr. Wichern has accepted this position; and, whilst we herewith likewise make this publicly known, we commend him and his labors to the love and intercessions of all Christian friends.

The Central Committee will continue, with the help of the Lord, and upon the basis of its approved regulations, conscientiously to discharge its assigned duties. Our work is a free service of love for the advancement of Christ's kingdom; it rests in the faith of Him who alone is the way, the truth and the life; it belongs to the oppressed and imperilled, to the most wretched and forsaken in the bounds of our German evangelical Christianity; it belongs to our people, to whom also belong the promises of the living God. As far as God has hitherto granted grace, that we might, if even in humble part, dig new wells, or re-open dilapidated ones, in fields of our national life, which had become unfruitful, or were lying waste, we have cheerfully laid our hands to the plow without looking back. Our work has been a work of serving in obedience to Him, who came, not that he might be ministered unto, but that he might minister. He has opened unto us a wide door. From the most opposite sides, from the most various circles, in and out of the fatherland, unto the remotest bounds of the German tongue, beyond the Eastern and Western Oceans, has this service hitherto been called into requisition. Through the blessing which God has granted to us, many others have become awakened to a similar free work of love. In wide communities the consciousness has been revived, that the work of saving love belongs to *the Church*, which is not ashamed of confessing her eternal Head. Frequently it has become possible to prepare the way for official spheres, in which the blessings of Christian order and morals might be more deeply engrafted upon the national life. In families, schools, congregations and the most varied institutions for the care of children, the sick, the poor, prisoners and the necessitous of every kind, has the Inner Mission, as being the activity of the compassionating love of God, found a thousand fold home. Many more objects, however, are not, and many more still are not nearly, accomplished. The experience of the first ten years of labor, has only disclosed to us more deeply and more widely the existing distresses, and has only more clearly brought to light the old and new, inner and outer difficulties, which oppose themselves against the unfolding of the powers of faith in works of Christian saving love. Besides problems known to all, new ones continually crowd forward and wait for solution. In addition to this, the manifold opposition to the Gospel in general, and against the free service in the same in particular, has become deeper, and has anew *and more strongly* armed itself. The

days of conflict are not past. We stand much more in the midst of the same.

Thus looking to the past and to the future, we praise God for his unspeakable gift. We praise Him, that in all our conflicts he has not permitted our faith to waver and fail. Yea, he has also now established it anew, joyfully and with an assured hope to obey him, and to stand ready for a further service among the brethren Fervently do we beseech Him for the grace of his Spirit for such a work. With confidence we also appear in the circle of our old and tried friends, and with the same feeling we look forward to new friends and fellow laborers, for help. We entreat them (and we hope—not in vain) for a continuance of their confidence in which we were permitted, under the late management, to rejoice. We ask also of wider communities their help and assistance in intercessions and offerings of love. These will continue to be for us a strengthening evidence of the graciousness of our God. May the Lord, with whom we enter confidently, under such changed relations, upon the second decade of our labors, lead us continually into a deeper knowledge of his word, and guide and govern us according to his pleasure.

Berlin and Hamburg,
February 1st, 1859.

The Central Committee for Inner Missions of the German Evangelical Church.

WICHERN, VON MUEHLER, STIEHL, HOFFMAN, HERTZ, VON TIPPLEKIRCH, A. ABENDROTH, V. BISMARK-BOHLEN.

II. REPORTS OF DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Synod of the German Reformed Church of Ohio and adjacent States.—The following report was received from the delegate to this body:

Your delegate to the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States would offer the following as his report:

To comply with the duty assigned him, he attended the annual sessions of said Synod, which were held in Fairfield, Green county, Ohio, from the 19th of May to the close of its sessions on the following Tuesday evening. He met with a cordial reception from his brethren in the west, and his intercourse with old and new friends was both pleasant and profitable. He was much pleased with the fraternal feelings manifested towards the brethren in the east, and with the earnest desire still more and more to strengthen the friendly relations now existing between the Eastern and Western portions of the Church.

i The Synod had much business, part of which was of great mportance, to transact, and disposed of it in the spirit of love and harmony.

One of the most important items claiming the attention of

Synod, was the subject of Home Missions. This subject receiv, ed the earnest attention of Synod, and the discussion was deeply interesting The statements of the different missionaries and especially those of the general Superintendent of Missions, in regard to the destitute condition of hundreds and thousands of our brethren, excited the sympathies of all, and prompted each one to pray, more earnestly, "Lord, send forth more laborers into the vineyard." The entire western world, is a vast missionary field, capable of sustaining a population of many millions of souls. Thither tens of thousands from the eastern States are annually wending their way, and hundreds of thousands from the kingdoms of the old world are settling in among them. Here is opportunity enough to do good. Let us hear the words of the Apostle, "As we have opportunity let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

The brethren in the west manifest a commendable zeal and activity in pushing forward the interests of the Church in their bounds. Their Agent, Elder H. Leonard, is quite successful in his mission, and is encouraged to believe that, by the blessing of God, he will ere long, be able to raise a fund sufficiently large to endow their Institutions. The work of the Lord is prospering in their hands. Their churches are multiplying, and their membership increasing in numbers, as well as growing in piety, liberality and devotedness to the cause of their Master. Do they not, in this, put many of us to shame? Things seem to promise well for the future growth of the Church in the west.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE WOLFF.

German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania.—The following report was received from the delegate to this body:

Your delegate, secundus, to the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania, which convened in Lebanon, on the 11th of June, 1859, begs leave to report:

That he attended to his duty. He was kindly received by that reverend body, and cordially invited to participate in the deliberations and discussions of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. HOFFMEIER.

General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.—No report was received from the delegate to this body.

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.—The following report was received from the delegate to this body:

The undersigned, appointed by the Synod of Frederick to

to represent it at the annual sessions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in Wilmington, Delaware, in May last, respectfully reports,

That it was his privilege to discharge the duty assigned him, during a portion of the sessions of said body. The cordiality with which he was received and the courtesy extended to him, indicated the kind feelings entertained by that important branch of the Church for this Synod, and the ecclesiastical interests it has in charge. And I am happy to be the bearer of its kind Christian salutations to the Church which I have thus had the honor to represent.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. A. BOMBERGER.

III. APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

The following persons were elected delegates to Corresponding bodies:

To the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States.—Rev. Henry Harbaugh, *primarius*, and Rev. Charles F. McCauley, *secundus*.

To the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania.—Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, D. D., *primarius*, and Rev. Thomas H. Leinbach, *secundus*.

To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.—Rev. Philip Schaff, D. D., *primarius*, and Rev. Daniel Y. Heisler, *secundus*.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.—Rev Daniel Zacharias, D. D., *primarius*, and Rev. Elias Heiner, D. D., *secundus*.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RELATING TO CORRESPONDENCE.

The committee appointed to correspond with the Pastoral Conference of Switzerland and the Reformed Conference of Germany, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

The committee of correspondence with the Pastoral Conference in Switzerland and the Reformed Conference of Germany, beg leave to report as follows:

From the report of the committee made one year ago, the Synod is aware, that the duty assigned the committee has been attended to. Inasmuch as no official reply has been since received either from Switzerland or Germany, the committee were unable during the past year to do any thing further in the matter entrusted to them.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. KESSLER, *Chairman*.

The following report was received from the committee appointed by the last Synod, to reply to the letter of the German Evangelical Church Diet:

The committee appointed by the Synod of last year, to prepare an appropriate reply to the letter received from the officers of the Evangelical Church Diet of Germany, beg leave herewith to state,

That, in consequence of the excited state of feeling about the war on the Continent of Europe at the time, the Central Committee of that body issued a notice, that no meeting would be held in 1859. Consequently the duty assigned us was not attended to.

In behalf of the committee,

B. S. SCHNECK, *Chairman.*

The report was adopted, and the committee continued.

On the morning of the second day of the sessions, the Rev. George A. Lyon, D. D., delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, took his leave of Synod in a brief but appropriate address, the kind sentiments of which were cordially responded to by the President on behalf of Synod. The Rev. Charles A. Hay, D. D., delegate from the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and the Rev. Henry Williard, delegate from the German Reformed Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, took their leave of Synod in similar circumstances, the former on the morning of the sixth, and the latter on the afternoon of the seventh day of the sessions.

ARTICLE X.

Minutes of Classes.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported. Their report was taken up item by item, amended and adopted; and is as follows:

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of Classes present the following as their report:

I.) IRREGULARITIES.

1. The Classis of New York is unwilling to assume its indebtedness to the Contingent Fund of Synod of $20,00, as they consider the proportion too high. They have also resolved, that, after an investigation of their minutes, the claim of $48,-00 should be reduced to $28,00; but they fail to state for what object this amount is claimed of them, and by whom.

2. The Classis of Goshenhoppen specified as one of its items at a special meeting, the "transaction of such business as might

be deemed necessary," contrary to Sect. II., Art. 12 of the Constitution.

3 The Classis of East Susquehanna dispensed with the installation of the Rev. C. Z. Weiser.

4. The Maryland Classis, at a special meeting, received an elder as a member of Classis, whose credentials had not been received at the regular meeting.

II.) REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. The Classis of New York asks the aid of Synod in behalf of the newly organized congregation in Rahway, New Jersey, which labors under pecuniary difficulty.

2. The Classis of Goshenhoppen again requests Synod to enjoin upon certain brethren of the Classes of East Pennsylvania and Philadelphia to refrain from interfering in the charges of brethren, and also preaching in congregations served by suspended ministers of Classis.

3. The Classis of East Susquehanna calls the attention of Synod to the necessity of having our English Hymn book enlarged by the addition of more hymns, together with the insertion of the Constitution of the Church.

4. The Classis of Maryland requests Synod to make its next annual meeting a General Synod.

5. The Classis of Mercersburg requests Synod to take preparatory steps towards a proper celebration of the third centennial of the formation and adoption of the Heidelberg Catechism, which will take place in 1863.

6. The same Classis recommends to Synod to order the preparation of a critical standard edition of the Heidelberg Catechism in the original German and Latin, together with a revised English translation and a historical introduction, to be published in superior style, as a centennial edition in 1863.

7. The same Classis recommends to Synod, as another contribution towards such a centennial celebration, to order the preparation and publication of a digest of the Minutes of Synod, presenting a complete, yet condensed constitutional history of our Church in this country, from the first Synodical meeting in 1746, to the present time.

8. The same Classis requests Synod to substitute in the statistical tables the word *unconfirmed* members, for the title *baptized* members.

9. The Classis of East Pennsylvania directs the attention of Synod to the fact, that the Classis of Goshenhoppon did not pay due regard to certain resolutions forwarded to them by the Classis of East Pennsylvania, through the Stated Clerk.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSIONS.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

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The Classis of West Susquehanna received Rev. C. H. Leinbach from Zions Classis, and the Licentiate P. A. Swartz, from the Mercersburg Classis; ordained Messrs. P. A. Swartz, Horace Daniel, and Henry C. Heyser, and dismissed Rev. Henry Aurand to the Central Synod of Pennsylvania of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The Classis of Clarion received Rev. F. Nêtcher from the Zions Classis and Rev. F. W. Dechant from the St. Josephs Classis.

The Classis of Virginia received Rev. George W. Aughinbaugh from the Classis of Mercersburg.

The Classis of Maryland received Rev. Walter E. Krebs and John W. Kuelling; ordained Mr. Henry J. Comfort; dismissed Rev. Andrew P. Freese to the Presbytery of Catskill, (O. S.), and Rev. P. S. Davis to the Classis of Philadelphia, and suspended Rev. Frederick A. Herzberger from the office of the Gospel ministry.

The Classis of Lebanon received the Rev. Samuel Miller from the Mercersburg Classis.

The Classis of Mercersburg received the Rev. Benjamin Bausman from the Classis of West Susquehanna, the Rev. Aaron Wanner from the Miami Classis of the Synod of Ohio; the Rev. John G. Wolff from the Classis of Virginia; the Rev. Joseph S. Loose from the Classis of Zion; dismissed the Rev. Rev. George W. Aughinbaugh to the Classis of Virginia; the licentiate Mr. P. A. Schwartz, to the West Susquehanna Classis; the Rev. Samuel Miller to the Classis of Lebanon; the Rev. Aaron Wanner to the Classis of Miami, Ohio Synod; licensed Mr. P. A. Schwartz, C. Beecher Wolff, and licensed and ordained Mr. Jeremiah M. Mickley.

The Classis of Philadelphia received the Rev. P. S. Davis from the Classis of Maryland; dismissed the Rev. John Gantenbein to the Classis of East Pennsylvania, and licensed Mr. Emanuel Boehringer.

The Classis of Lancaster received Rev. John Naille from the Classis of Goshenhoppen

The Classis of Zion dismissed the Rev. C. H. Leinbach to the Classis of West Susquehanna.

VI.) ANNUAL MEETINGS OF CLASSES.

The Classis of New York will meet in the city of New York, on the first Wednesday after Whitsunday, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. J. F. Busche, *President*, and Rev. W. Meyer, *Secretary*.

The Classis of Goshenhoppen will meet in Falconer Swamp, Montgomery county, on Tuesday before Ascension day, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Rev. W. Philips, *President*, and Rev. N. S. Strassburger, *Stated Clerk*.

The Classis of East Pennsylvania will meet in Long Swamp, Berks County, on Tuesday before Ascension day, (hour not specified). Rev. J S. Dubs, *President*, and Rev. J. H. Derr, *Stated Clerk*. Copies of Minutes of Synod: 42 German and 18 English.

The Classis of East Susquehanna will meet at Orangeville, Columbia county, Pa., on the third Thursday in May, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev. C. Z. Weiser, *President*, and Rev. Wm. Goodrich, *Stated Clerk*.

The Classis of West Susquehanna will meet at St. Peters church, Nippanose Valley, Lycoming county, Pa., on the third Thursday in May, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev. J. C. Bucher, *President*, and Rev. D. G Klein, *Stated Clerk*.

The Classis of Clarion will meet at St John's church, Mercer county, Pa., on Thursday after the first quarter of New Moon, in the month of June, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Rev D. B. Ernst, *President*, and Rev A. Dale, *Stated Clerk*

The Classis of Virginia will meet at Middlebrook, Augusta county, Va, on Friday before the third Sabbath in May Rev. J. H Crawford, *President*, and Rev Henry St John Rinker, *Stated Clerk*.

The Classis of Maryland will meet at Sharpsburg, Md., on Friday evening preceding the third Sabbath in May, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev G W. Glessner, *President*, and Rev W. F. Colliflower, *Stated Clerk*

The Classis of Mercersburg will meet at Chambersburg, Franklin county, Pa., on the Friday before the third Sabbath in May, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. B. S. Schneck, *President* and Rev. William M. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk*.

The Classis of Philadelphia will meet at St. Peters church, Gwynedd, Montgomery county, Pa., on the first Tuesday after Whitsuntide, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev N. Gehr, *President*, and Rev. N. S. Aller, *Secretary*.

The Classis of Lancaster will meet at Millersville, Lancaster county, Pa., on Friday evening preceding the first Thursday of May. Rev. J. V. Eckert, *President*, and Rev. J. W. Hoffmeier, *Secretary*.

The Classis of Zion will meet in Newport, Perry county, on the second Friday in May, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev. Jacob Sechler, *President*, and Rev. Emanuel H. Hoffheins, *Stated Clerk*.

The Classis of Lebanon will meet at Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, Pa., on the Friday evening succeeding Ascension day, at 7 o'clock. P. M. Rev. Thomas H. Leinbach, *President*, Rev. J. E. Heister, *Stated Clerk*.

Respectfully submitted,

B. S. SCHNECK, *Chairman*.

For the action of Synod on the items reported as Irregularities, on Request No. 9, and the items reported as Appeals, see Article XVI, Appeals and References; on Request No. 1., see Article XIV, Missions; on Request No. 3, see Article XIX, Publication; on Request No. 4, see Article XXIII, Adjournment; on Request No. 5, 6, and 7, see Article XXI, Miscellaneous; on Request No. 8, see Article XII, Religion and Morals. No action was had on Request No. 2.

For the action of Synod on the items reported as subjects referred to Classes, see Article XX, Church Government.

The remaining items in the report were approved.

ARTICLE XI.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.

Application was made in behalf of Messrs. J. Henry Dubs and George E. Addams, from the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, the former for licensure and ordination, and the latter for licensure. They were referred to the Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination.

Application was also made in behalf of the Licentiate Emanuel Boehringer, for ordination as missionary among the Germans at Norfolk, Virginia. His application was referred to the same Committee. This committee submitted the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, beg leave respectfully to report,

That they attended to the duty assigned them and would recommend Joseph H. Dubs and George E. Addams for licensure, and the former, together with Emanuel Boehringer, for ordination, Mr. Dubs as assistant of the Rev. Joseph S. Dubs, and the latter as pastor of the Mission Church in Norfolk, Va.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. A. BOMBERGER, *Chairman.*

The officers of Synod were appointed a committee to conduct the services connected with the ordination of Messrs. Dubs and Boehringer, with such aid as they may be able to secure. They were also authorized to furnish Mr. George E. Addams with a certificate of Licensure upon his signing the formula as required by the Constitution.

The officers of Synod, who were appointed a committee of ordination, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

The officers of Synod appointed to ordain Messrs. Emanuel Boehringer and Joseph H. Dubs report,

That they attended to the duty assigned them. The young brethren were solemnly ordained to the work of the holy ministry on last evening in the German Reformed church. In the necessary absence of the President, the remainder of the committee called to their assistance the Rev. Joseph S. Dubs. The sermon was preached by the Rev Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., the ordination service was conducted by the Rev. A. H. Kremer, and the young brethren were addressed in the German language by the Rev. J. S. Dubs.

Respectfully submitted.

A. H. KREMER,
SAMUEL R. FISHER.

Oct. 24th, 1859.

Mr. Boehringer was placed under the care of the Classis of Maryland, Mr. Dubs under the care of the Classis of East Pennsylvania, and the Licentiate Mr Addams under the care of the Classis of Mercersburg.

ARTICLE XII.

Religion and Morals.

The Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, reported. Their report was received, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

Fathers and Brethren in the Lord:—It is pleasant, after a year of somewhat lonely toil in our separate fields of labor, to meet in general assembly, together review our labors, and, whilst the sufferings and the sorrow are left behind, contemplate with humble and grateful joy the fruit we have gathered. Hither we come as those who bear good news to one another. In our fields of labor we but see the building, at which we are working, half hid in the scaffolding—and often only that small part at which we build—whilst in the midst of rubbish and the fears of friends and the noise of foes, we toil that order may rise out of confusion; but here, as from a high place, we are permitted to catch a glimpse of the fair and full proportions of that glorious structure, the foundations of which are laid firmly and far back in the silent past, in the erection of which it is our highest honor, with prophets, apostles and martyrs to bear an humble part, and into whose courts it will be our highest joy to enter fully at the coming, and in the kingdom, of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Here then, let us rejoice together in the Lord our strength and salvation; and when, as the best introduction to our report, in view of our weakness, we call to you: "Lift up your

hearts," you will all from the heart respond: "We lift them up unto the Lord." And when, remembering all the loving kindness and mercy of the Lord, we further say: "Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God;" you will as heartily answer: "It is meet and right so to do."

The Classical reports present the results derived from facts contained in the parochial reports. It is our duty now to combine and present these results in such a way as to give a picture of the progress of the Church as a whole during the year. To do this we shall aim to make prominent such points in our defects and our progress as are made prominent in the Classical reports—giving greater prominence always to that which is made most prominent in the largest number of the Classical reports. This will bring before us the ruling factors which have wrought in our religious life during the year. It will indicate also the still working influences which we have inherited from previous years, and clearly show in what tendencies we are apprehended, and in what direction we are growing as a Church.

First of all, a large number of the Classical reports furnish evidence that there is a very general waking up to a higher appreciation of covenant relations and all the duties and privileges growing out of them. This the reports expressed in general terms by assuring us, that there is an increased attention to the means of grace as furnished in the instituted ordinances, and to be enjoyed in the public worship of the Church. This general declaration is abundantly sustained by particulars furnished in the reports.

One Classis reporting the baptism of over one thousand eight hundred children during the year, says: "the baptism of children is not only attended to with more apparent pleasure, but the importance of baptism as an ordinance of God is also more deeply realized." The same testimony, in substance, is given by other Classes. It is clear that higher ideas of the benefits signed and sealed in holy baptism are taking possession of the minds and hearts of our pastors, parents, and members generally. The word of the Lord seems to come powerfully to our churches, saying, as of old: "Thus saith the Lord; If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my convenant of the night, that there should not be day and night in their season; then may also my covenant be broken." This our ministers and people hear and behold that all our trust, peace, joy, hope and success spring from the faithfulness of a covenant God.

In proportion as the true nature of baptism is appreciated, will catechetical instruction be valued. All the Classes testify that interest in this duty and privilege of the Church is decidedly on the increase. Not only are pastors and parents more awake to it, but there is on the part of the young a growing

willingness and desire to accept its advantages; and the consequence is that, in the language of one of the reports, "The number of those who are received into the Church by the solemn rite of confirmation is not only larger, but what is better, they are being better qualified for Church membership." Another Classis—and one most isolated in its geographical position from the traditional spirit and customs of the Church, and most surrounded by the pressure of other views and feelings than those peculiar to our Church,—says: "The catechization of the young, and their instruction in the truths of the catechism and the Scriptures, have received a large share of the attention and constituted an important part of the work of the brethren during the past year; and it is an encouraging fact catechetical instruction is growing more and more in favor with the membership, and especially with their children."

Another Classis says: "Catechetical instructions are not merely attended by the youth of the Church, but also by the members, and thus, in many instances, these instructions have become a regular service to congregations. The result of these labors, to some extent, at least, is apparent from the large and respectable classes which have been added to the Church by the solemn rite of confirmation." Similar language is used by all the Classes.

This growing estimation of covenant relations, and the love of holy baptism and catechetical instruction as necessary results, work favorably upon the family. Parents see how the Church includes the family, as well as themselves, in its warm bosom; they feel a support beneath and around them stronger than their own individual faith and exertions; they are led to regard their baptized children as young Christians already admitted into the Christian Church and distinguished from the children of infidels and unbelievers; they see their work to be to train them up in the Lord as well as into the Lord, in grace as well as into it; they see that it is their privilege and comfort to assure their covenanted children that the covenant is the sure basis of their hopes, and feel free to encourage them to accept fully what is already theirs by the covenant of a faithful God, and to assure them that they have the surest and best warrant as children, for claiming all the promises and all the grace which they need in order to grow up to the stature of Christians. They can teach them, what it is their joy and comfort to learn, that, from their washing in baptism may and does begin the renewing of the Holy Ghost, and that it is only by wickedly despising and willfully wandering from this grace that they finally perish. This furnishes at once the true basis and the highest motive to family piety—and especially the early piety of children. It is but natural, that the reports should speak of a solid and encouraging progress in the sancti-

fication of the family life, and its better consecration to the interests of the Church and of true piety.

As better views of baptism have wrought favorably for catechetical instruction, confirmation, and pious family life, so better views of the nature and benefits of the Holy Supper of our Lord have been attended with like precious fruits. It has been a standing complaint and regret in our reports for years, that the difference between members and communicant members has been by far too great to be accounted for on the ground of absence from the Lord's table by providential circumstances. It is the unanimous testimony of the Classical reports that this difference is fast decreasing. One Classis reporting 6,105 members, though presenting the sad fact that there have been still, "according to the statistical table, 800 members absent from this most comfortable supper of our Lord;" yet it is their pleasing duty to communicate the fact that, by comparing the year ending, with those gone before, there is an improvement that gives ground for great joy.

Another Classis, where this evil has perhaps been hitherto greater than in any other—though still reporting, in a membership of 16,686, the absence of 4,601—gives the encouraging intelligence, that "the attendance on the sacrament of the altar has been very good, as a general thing, and the great evil in our churches, which we have so often deplored—the great dispoportion between communicants and non-communicants—is steadily diminishing, as the statistical report will show." The report well adds; "This we regard an important item, evidencing an agreeable advance in the spiritual state of our churches."

The sacrament of the altar, holding as it does, a central and fundamental place in the system of grace, and being, as bread to physical existence, the staff of the spiritual life, a growing love for it indicates most surely a deep, solid and healthy growth of the heavenly life in the members of Christ's body. The neglect of this sacrament, so far as it still exists, amongst us as a Church, we ought to deplore as in sackcloth and ashes! The evil is deeply felt by the Classes; and pastors and churches are earnestly reminded to labor without weariness for its speedy removal. The churches ought to permit no uncertain sound to cover the awfully solemn import of our Saviour's words: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you."

It is the working of this same spirit of faith in the divine institutions of grace which has awakened the Church to the necessity of a proper use of its discipline. Respect for the sacraments works respect for the keys. In proportion as the sacraments are valued are they guarded—the more sacred and holy the precious treasure is thought to be, the more diligent

will the Church feel it to be its duty to cry, "Hence, O hence, ye profane!" And from all who would come, it will require works meet for repentance.

Hence it is but natural, that we find in the Classical minutes much more general, and more earnest reference to the subject of Christian discipline. The keys as discipline, are regarded—as they should be according to our Catechism, as we are not only taught in direct words, but still more strongly by the fact that the doctrine of the keys is placed in the second part of the Catechism, and thus set forth as a means of deliverance from sin—as a means of grace; and its exercise a pure spiritual and gracious power for the upbuilding of the Church, as well as the awakening and conversion of the unworthy and wicked in the Church.

One Classis remarks, that, among "the several points which were made prominent in the parochial reports," and which are regarded as "highly important to the success of pure and undefiled religion within our bounds, the first is the subject of *discipline*. It is manifest from the reports that the mixed character, which has always marked the Church on earth, continues to reveal itself. To save us from unnecessary fear and despondency, our blessed Saviour foretold, that we might always expect to find both wheat and tares within the enclosure of the Church There is consequently an internal struggle continually going forward within its own bosom. It is very generally felt, however, that, in order to possess the requisite strength and power to combat successfully the opposition of the world without, and to make due progress, it is not only important, but absolutely necessary, that the power of the keys, entrusted to the authorities in the Church, should be faithfully employed. The Church must judge those that are within; and only as she does this in the fear of God, can she expect the blessing of her Lord and Master. There is a very general feeling that discipline should be more faithfully enforced in the Church; and while great prudence and wisdom are recommended, yet it is felt that no fear of man, nor time-serving spirit, should be allowed to prevent the faithful discharge of this solemn duty." The Classis farther says: "That it regards the sentiments expressed on this point in the parochial reports as timely, and urges upon each pastor and the eldership to give special attention to this subject in time to come. One serious difficulty in the way of the discharge of this duty is to be found in the low views so generally entertained in this age in regard to Church authority. It is believed, however, that laxity of discipline is one of the causes of this very difficulty. Let the Church exercise its high and holy authority in the name of Christ, and men will be led to feel its force more and more."

Another Classis says: "We are sorry to say, that it became necessary for some of our *ministers to excommunicate* some

during the last year. Church authority had almost disappeared; its revival, we think, is an omen of great good. We think it is a sign of good when those who are unworthy are thus strenuously dealt with. It is a proof that the majority of the people are still jealous for the honor of their God, and of His Church."

Still another Classis, after deploring the unworthy lives of some who profess and call themselves Christians, and speaking of the necessity of discipline, adds: "We rejoice to be enabled to report, that, both the ministry and laity begin to manifest more zeal and desire to carry out our Master's design in this direction. Still, on account of a certain degree of timidity, on the part of those who are in authority, to exercise the functions, and a want of proper information on the part of the people, this key of the kingdom of heaven is not used as effectively in our midst as is desirable for its own ends." This same subject, is dwelt upon in the same spirit by two other Classes.

As growing out of the same tendency toward our true genius and venerable Church customs, the product of the same Church life on the ground of which we have presented and explained the facts already referred to, we find mention made of a growing regard and love for the festival days and seasons of the Church. One of the Classes says, "The pulpits of our churches were not merely occupied on the Lord's day, but the Church-days have been properly observed, services having been held according to the order of the Church for such days. A marked change has taken place in this respect for good." The sacred seasons of holy communion connected with Christmas, Easter and Whitsuntide, are beginning to win the favor and love of our churches, as the true seasons for special and protracted services. The very need felt by pastors and people for seasons of special and protracted public worship, loudly calls for a restoration to their original honor and use of the festival days. Where these are restored the people find an important want met, and the churches are revived and blest. We find it but natural, that the same Classis which reports the restoration of the festival days and seasons, should afterwards say, as it does: "The external growth of this Classis has been gradual and steady. None of the *so called* extraordinary efforts have been resorted to. The regularly appointed means of grace have been used to lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes." It ought to be remarked also that this Classis is the one lying farthest West, and, therefore, most isolated from the body of the old German settlements, where the traditionary feelings in favor of the festival days are still strongest, and where their full restoration to their ancient honor might be most easily effected. This fact may serve at once as a reproof and an encouragement to older Classes in other portions of the Church. Though in some portions of the Church the sacred use of the

festival seasons had never been entirely lost; yet there is room everywhere for bringing them, far more effectually than has yet been done, into the service of steadfast and vigorous piety.

Where the institutions of Christ are honored, and the means of grace furnished through his glorious merits and mediation are diligently and devoutly used, there the blessed gift of the Holy Ghost, the gift of gifts, will be graciously bestowed, and only then, since He shall not speak of Himself, but will always take of the things of Christ and show them to the people. As Christ and the Spirit are one in essence, so are they one in ministration. We do not wonder, therefore, to find that the fact is prominently and gratefully acknowledged, that the presence and power of the Holy Spirit has been, in many instances, realized in our churches, awakening life, renewing souls more and more into the image of God, enlightening and comforting believers in works and worship, in their duties and privileges.

So also has Christ revealed Himself in our churches as the Spirit of true charity. Love between the different members of the body of Christ is represented as existing and increasing. A number of reports refer to this as a prominent fact. There is also a growing disposition to love, not in word only, but in deed and in truth. Hence an increased interest is making itself evident in the benevolent work of the Church. Our churches give not only more than heretofore, but they give more cheerfully, more intelligently, and from higher motives. The feeling, that giving to the Lord is a means of grace as truly as any other one divinely instituted, is beginning to take firm hold of the minds and hearts of the people.

When we bear in mind, that these interests, which we have now brought forward from the Classical reports, are all of central significance, that they are all ruling elements in the proper genius and life of our Church, and that they are all represented as growing in favor with the churches, and bringing forth their blessed results, we have great ground of encouragement, and reason to look forward with a vigorous hope to a still brighter and better future.

As a general thing, the Classical reports bring us the happy intelligence, that the lives and health of our ministers and elders have been precious before the Lord. Yet some of our Classes come to us in mourning. Not only have several prominent and worthy elders been carried away, but death has also invaded the ranks of the ministry. The Mercersburg Classis has followed to the grave our brother the Rev. T. C. Hoffedits, who had been compelled years ago to retire from the active duties of the ministry, but who, in a retired sphere, patient amid much suffering, pursued his way toward the crown which is now given him in Heaven. The Clarion Classis mourns the loss of the Rev. Francis Netcher, who, *young in years*, and young

in the ministry, was thus early counted worthy of being taken up. The Classis of Zion announces the departure, at an advanced age, of the venerable father, the Rev. John Reinecke. His labors are ended, he rests in peace. But heavier still has the stroke fallen on the venerable Classis of East Pennsylvania. At the head of the Classical ministerial list of last year stand the names of Rev. Theodore L. Hoffeditz, D. D., and Rev. Jacob C. Becker, D. D. The Classis will place them there no more! Their death, though referred to in the last annual report, it is still thought proper here officially to announce and affectionately to commemorate. Their lives were long and eventful; and they were permitted to labor and to be useful to the very last. Short to them was the distance between the labors of the Church militant and the rest of the Church triumphant. During their ministry, these venerable servants of Christ were permitted to impress and encourage thousands in the divine life, and when "taken away from our head," thousands in the Church looked after them, crying in heart: "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof!"

Though our Fathers and Brethren are thus taken away one by one, we may still rejoice in the blessed communion of all saints in Christ Jesus the Head "wherein he giveth us also to have part." They still sustain a comforting relation to us as part of the cloud of witnesses by which we are compassed about, and who still regard us who are yet in the conflict. May our faithful Saviour, whose we are by covenant and whom we serve in much weakness, but still sincerely, enable us to follow their faith, that we may enter at death into their joy.

Respectfully submitted,

H. HARBAUGH, *Chairman.*

[For Statistical Report, see Appendix.]

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the several pastors be requested to read this report from their respective pulpits.

The Classis of Mercersburg, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested Synod to substitute in the Statistical tables, the title *Unconfirmed* Members for that of *Baptized* Members.

It was

Resolved, That this request be granted, and the Stated Clerk instructed to make the change accordingly.

The following religious exercises were observed during the sessions of Synod:

I.) The sessions of each day were opened and closed with religious exercises.

II.) A committee consisting the Rev. Daniel Gans, John H. A. Bomberger, D. D., John Beck, and Elders William Heyser and Rupolph F. Kelker, was appointed to propose the order of the religious exercises usually observed at the commencement of the annual sessions of Synod. This committee submitted the following report on the afternoon of the first day of the sessions, which was adopted:

Your committee on religious exercises beg leave to report as follows:

We suggest

1.) That one hour this afternoon, commencing immediately after the opening of Synod and the adoption of this report, be devoted to purely devotional exercises, and that the President of Synod preside over the meeting.

2.) That Friday afternoon, from 3 to 5 o'clock, be devoted to exercises similar to those had at the last meeting of Synod, and that the committee have further time to prepare the topics for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,
DANIEL GANS, *Chairman.*

In accordance with the recommendation contained in the foregoing report, the Synod engaged in devotional exercises. After the singing of a hymn, prayer was offered by the Rev. Benjamin S. Schneck, D. D. Remarks were then made by the President, after which prayers were successively offered by the Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, D. D., and Elder William Heyser, the singing of a Hymn intervening.

The afternoon of the third day of the sessions, from 3 to 5 o'clock, in accordance with the recommendation of the above committee, was devoted to the discussion of religious topics. The discussion was introduced with singing and prayer, by the Rev. Charles F. McCauley. The several topics proposed by the committee were discussed in the following order: The first topic, *Public Prayer and Social Meetings*, was taken up. The Synod was addressed by the Rev. John S. Foulk and Henry Harbaugh. After the singing of a hymn, the second topic, *The duty of the Church to prepare her children for early confirmation of their baptismal vows*, was considered. The Synod was addressed by the Rev. Charles Cast and Franklin W. Kremer. After the singing of a hymn, prayer was again offered by the Rev. Amos H. Kremer. The third topic, *The Catechism in the Sabbath School*, was taken up. The Synod was addressed by the Rev. Isaac S. Domund, Elias Heiner, D. D., and Elder William Heyser. Another hymn was then sung, and prayer again offered by the Rev. Thomas C. Porter. The fourth topic, *Church Unity*, was final-

ly taken up. The Synod was addressed by the Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, D. D., and Moses Kieffer, D. D. The services were closed by singing the first verse of the German *Te Deum*, Nun danket alle Gott! and prayer by the Rev. Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D.

The powers of the committee on the order of the religious exercises, were so enlarged as to constitute them a committee on supplies for the various pulpits in the place. The committee announced at the proper time the various appointments they had made in this capacity.

III.) On every evening during the sessions of Synod, a sermon was preached, or some other religious exercises were observed. On the morning of the Sabbath, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered in the German Reformed church, the preparatory exercises to which were observed on the previous evening. Preaching was also had on Sabbath afternoon and evening. The pulpits of several religious denominations of the place were filled by members of Synod on Sabbath morning and evening.

ARTICLE XIII.

Theological Seminary.

I. REPORTS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND VISITORS.

a.) Report of the Board of Trustees.

The following report was received from the President of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary:

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN—It becomes my duty, as President of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, to submit to you their annual report.

The Church at large still feels the effects of the financial crisis, so disastrous in its consequences, crippling almost every branch of enterprise, and crushing, in a great measure, the increasing prospects of a more enlarged benevolent effort in our Church. It was hoped by the friends of our institutions, that, ere this, they would be fully endowed, and that our Missionary and Benevolent enterprises would be in the receipt of ample funds to secure a more rapid and extensive enlargement of our beloved Zion. Notwithstanding the pressure, which has been every where felt, our Treasurer reports an improvement from the receipts upon Bank dividends. These institutions have been recovering more rapidly from the general shock, than the community at large.

The embarrassment growing out of this crisis, followed by a general failure of crops, has greatly impaired the ability of the

Church, and thus operated against securing a larger amount through ordinary collections.

The payment of interest upon Plainfield Bonds has fallen off greatly. There is now due upon them a large amount of interest. The longer it remains unpaid, the greater will be its accumulation, and consequently more difficult to collect. Some provision should be made to ensure a more regular and uniform payment of these interests. Upon their payment, the Treasurer is enabled to meet his engagements to the Professors.

There remains still unpaid, a large balance of the old debt, which has so long troubled the Church. With the revival of business and an abundant crop coming into market, it is hoped, with God's blessing, that this will be speedily cancelled, our benevolent operations enlarged, and our beloved Zion enabled to arise and extend herself over the destitute portions of our country.

From the accompanying report of the Treasurer, it will appear, that he has received into the treasury from all available sources, the sum of $2,149,09. There was expended during the same period $2,195,69, showing a balance due him of $46,50. Upon the Synodical apportionment fund $512,32 were received, and $553,56 expended in the payment of debts and interest, showing a balance due the Treasurer on this account of $41,24. If the apportionment, which was made among the different Classes for the payment of the debt, had been paid, it would have all been cancelled. The amount still due upon the apportionment will appear from the Treasurer's report.

The Seminary buildings, as appears from the report of the committee on repairs, are in much better condition now, than they were last year. The necessary repairs have cost about $200. They, however, require a still further expenditure to put them beyond a suffering condition. Buildings of this kind necessarily require constant attention; otherwise they speedily fall into a state of dilapidation.

Your Board most earnestly looks forward to a better day, and hope you may be able to devise the ways and means, so necessary to insure happiness and prosperity in the Church. To you the Church looks as the embodiment of wisdom and piety, the representative power, which, by its enactments, gives force and influence among sister denominations. In the hope that the great Head of the Church may smile upon your legislation, and cause all your deliberations to result to the glory of God and the good of our Zion, this report is

Respectfully sumbitted,

WILLIAM HEYSER, *President.*

October 14, 1859.

The following is the Treasurer's *report* accompanying the above document

GENTLEMEN :—I herewith submit my account current with the Theological Seminary for the current year, ending Oct. 1st, 1859.

The account will show some improvement on last year in the receipts of dividends on bank stock, but no increase in the receipts for interest on Plainfield Bonds. There is a considerable sum backstanding of interest on Plainfield Bonds, which, if it could be collected, would materially aid us in the payment of the current expenses of the Seminary ; but all our efforts to collect these sums have proved unavailing. We propose during the coming year again to send out bills to all delinquents; as this course considerably enlarged the receipts on a former occasion.

The receipts from the Synodical Apportionment fund are $512,32, showing a falling off on former years. One Classis has paid its apportionment in full of the principal assessed by Synod. Several others have nearly paid theirs; but there are a number who have scarcely made an effort to collect their apportionment.

One half the amount assessed by Synod is still due to creditors of the Seminary, and the interest upon it is yearly augmenting the debt.

We would again urge upon the Board to present this matter to the approaching meeting of Synod, and enforce upon them with urgent appeals to bring up the delinquent Classes to the payment of their apportionment. What has been so easily accomplished by some of the Classes can be as easily accomplished by others. We hope there will be no relaxing of effort until this old debt has been completely and finally cancelled.

We annex a statement of the amount assessed upon each Classis, the amount paid, and the amount still due:

	Apportioned.	*Paid.*	*Still due.*
Virginia Classis,	$300,00	$105,00	$195,00
Lebanon "	650,00	206,00	444,00
Susquehanna "	700,00	602,71	197,29
Philadelphia "	650,00	173,25	476,75
Mercersburg "	760,00	647,60	112,40
Zions "	600,00	596,15	3,85
East Penn'a. "	800,00	296,30	503,70
Maryland "	575,00	588,20	
Lancaster "	505,00	121,50	383,50
Goshenhop'n. "	500,00	220,00	280,00
New York "	75,00		75,00
	$6,115,00	$3,556,71	$2,571,49

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE BESORE, *Treasurer.*

Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Church, in account with GEORGE BESORE, *Treasurer.*

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1859. *Interest on Plainfield Bonds.*

MARYLAND CLASSIS.		
Samuel Zeller $6, D. C. Hammond 12,	$18,00	
ZIONS CLASSIS.		
Rev. D. Gring 6, Christ church, per Rev. J. Sechler 12,	18,00	
MERCERSBURG CLASSIS.		
Haderman & Dittmar 3, Dr. B. C. Wolff, No. 4, 12, No. 10, 3, Yellow creek 9, Rev. T. Fouse 6, Isaac Rhodes 3, N. Gruber 6, Russell's cong. 4, S. R. Fisher 6, Hon J. Cessna 12, Waynesboro' cong, 6,	70,00	
WEST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS.		
Rev. W. R. Yearick 6, J. & G. Hoffer 12, Mifflinburg cong. 6, J. F. Pontius 6, Rev. C. H. Leinbach 6,	36,00	
VIRGINIA CLASSIS.		
Martinsburg charge 6,	6,00	
EAST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS.		
John Balliett 3,	3,00	
LANCASTER CLASSIS.		
Rev. T. C. Porter 12,	12,00	
EAST PENNSYLVANIA CLASSIS.		
J. Rader 6, W. H. Lawall 6, J. P. Hetrick 6, T. & S. Deshler 6, R. Kortz 6,	30,00	
CLARION CLASSIS.		
Rev. L. D. Leberman 10,	10,00	
LEBANON CLASSIS.		
Rev. J. D. Zehring 6.	6,00	
		$209,00

Dividends and Interest.

Kieffer fund,	$570,00	
Keller fund,	450,00	
Farmers' & Mechanics' Bank,	116,00	
Philadelphia Bank,	81,00	
Farmers' Bank of Reading,	34,20	
Lebanon Bank,	189,00	
Girard Bank,	43,74	
Chambersburg Bank,	192,00	
Hagerstown Bank,	36,80	
Interest on investment 1852 to 1858,	127,35	
		$1,840,00

Principal of Plainfield Bonds.

Rev. S. H. Ried, amount of note $50, J. Balliett, 50.	100,00
Balance due Treasurer	46,59
	$2,195,59

DR.

To Balance from last year,	$65,59
" Cash to Dr. P. Schaff,	750,00
" Cash to Dr. B. C. Wolff,	1,175,00
" Treasurer's Salary paid for keeping books,	100,00
" Permanent investment,	100,00
" Recording mortgage, postage, etc ,	5,00
	$2,195,59

Synodical Apportionment Account.

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MARYLAND CLASSIS.

Emmittsburg charge $9,75, Frederick city 53,76, Balance from Rev. D. Gans, per Mr. J. Rodenmayer 9,86	$73,37	

ZIONS CLASSIS.

Rev. C. H. Leinbach 15, Rev. J. Sechler 15, Rev. D. Ziegler 20, Rev. A. H. Kremer 25, Rev. D. Gring 20, Rev. J. Ziegler 15, Rev. E. H. Hoffheins 10, Rev. S. Kuhn 10, Rev. W. C. Bennett 5, Rev. D. Riegel 10,	145,00	

GOSHENHOPPEN CLASSIS.

Rev. N. S. Strassburger, Pottstown 60, Rev. D. Weiser 45,	105,00	

PHILADELPHIA CLASSIS.

Race St., Phila., Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, 13,75,	13,75	

LANCASTER CLASSIS,

Hummellstown charge, per Rev. M. A. Smith 34,	34,00	

WEST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS.

Rebersburg charge 20, Rev. D. G. Klein 7, do. 5, do. 5,	37,00	

EAST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS.

Rev. E. Kieffer 16,60, Rev. I. Schellhammer 17,10	33,70	

EAST PENNSYLVANIA CLASSIS.

Rev. C. G. Hermann, Treas. from Rev I. K. Loos, 32,50, Rev. I. K. Loos 17,50, Rev. D. F. Brendle 3	53,00	

LEBANON CLASSIS.

Rev. H. Wagner, 5,	5,00	

MERCERSBURG CLASSIS.

Shippensburg charge, per Rev. F. A. Rupley 12,50	12,50	$512,32
Balance due Treasurer,		41,24
		$553,56

DR.

Balance from last year	$3,56,	
To amount paid Treasurer of Franklin and Marshall College, on account of note of $2,000 and interest,	300,00	
To amount paid Dr. P. Schaff on account of backstanding salary,	250,00	$553,56

b.) *Report of the Board of Visitors.*

The following report was received from the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary:

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church:

DEAR BRETHREN—The Board was organized immediately after its appointment, during the sessions of Synod at Frederick, by the choice of Rev. J. Rebaugh, President, Rev. F. A. Rupley, Secretary, and Rev. S. R. Fisher, D. D., Treasurer.

Some unimportant items of business were transacted, in addition to the organization of the Board, prior to adjournment. No other meeting was held until the 19th of July. A summons from the President brought the Board together at Mercersburg, to attend upon the examination of the students at the close of the Seminary year. A reasonably full meeting was had on that occasion—and business dispatched with becoming attention. The examination was intersting. It was conducted by Drs. Wolff and Schaff, according to the expressed wish of the Board, by alternate hours. In the nature of the case, it could not be as thorough as could have been desired, from the limited time the Board could devote to it, and the numerous studies in which the different classes had been instructed. Yet, in those branches upon which they were examined, the students acquitted themselves, for the most part, to the satisfaction of the Board.

The internal condition of the Seminary is rather more prosperous now, than when the Board was called upon to make its last annual report. A few more students have been in attendance upon the lectures of the Professors. Still, the Board laments greatly that the number is not increased so as to be commensurate with the great and growing wants of the Church. The disposition noticed in our last annual report, of young men to leave the institution after pursuing a meagre Theological training, and against which Synod was invoked to take decided action, the Board is happy to say does not exist to the same degree as formerly. The action of the Board, followed up as it was by the earnest determination of Synod, it is thought, has had a most salutary effect in counteracting this great and growing evil. Most of the young men in connection with the Seminary, are there with the determination to carry forward all the studies of the course to its completion. This is as it should be. Still, there may occasionally be exceptions to this rule, in which, from particular circumstances, some may be allowed to go forward into the Church without fully having complied with the requisition of Synod in this respect—yet it is the earnest desire of the Board to seek its fulfilment in so far as possible.

The following gentlemen have been in connection with the Seminary the past year, viz: George E. Addams, Philip A. Schwartz, Wm. M. Reily, A. B. Kremer, Thomas C. Leinbach, Josiah May, L. J. Mayer, J. M. Mickley, Henry Musser, E. D. Shoemaker, J. H. Wagner, G. R. Zacharias, J. B. Kershner, J. Henry Dubbs, and Geo. B. Dechant. Mr. Dechant brought a regular dismission from the Union Theological Seminary of New York, where he had studied two years. Mr. Kershner is a graduate of Pennsylvania College. Those who entered in October, 1858, are graduates of Franklin and Marshall College. Messrs. Schwartz, Reily and Mickley, after having been regularly licensed to preach the Gospel, left the institution at the close of the winter term, two of them to take charge of congregations—Mr. Reily to carry on his studies at the University of Berlin. The remaining twelve are still in connection with the Seminary, two of whom, George E. Addams and J. Henry Dubbs, having complied with the regulation of the Board requiring a full course to be pursued prior to dismission and recommendation for licensure, were accordingly dismissed for this purpose. The general progress of the students in study is reported by the Professors to have been commendable.

Acting as a Board of Education, very little can be reported to Synod beyond the dry details of receipts and expenditures. The Board had under their care twenty-six beneficiaries during the past year—who have received the full allowance accorded. Besides this, two other individuals have received partial aid, by vote of the Board. The receipts and disbursements, together with the present state of the Treasury, will be exhibited by the officer having charge of the funds. Enough is known already, to warrant the Board in asserting, that as a Church, we are far, very far, from carrying forward this good—this great cause as vigorously as we should. The fact is, we are now far behind our efforts in this direction many years ago. Instead of occupying this humiliating position among the Churches of the land, we should go forward with earnestness, seeking gradually to excel our former efforts, until the waste places of our Zion shall be made glad by a living ministry, unfolding the great truths of the Gospel. The Board take no pleasure in parading this humiliating fact before the Church. And yet faithfulness demands that the whole truth should be made known. Funds—adequate funds—to a vigorous prosecution of the ends of our organization are withheld from the Board by the Church. And without this necessary equivalent the Board is powerless. The wants of the Church may be pictured in the most glowing colors—waste places may be discovered—exploring missionaries, with great zeal and much sacrifice, may spy out the land and prepare it for future cultivation. —But why all this, when the demand among us already for

ministers, exceeds by far our supply? Surely, with the increasing demands of our rapidly extending country, the living ministry should be made to keep pace with the great flow of emigration as it rolls onward and forward over the broad plains of the West. And yet as a Church, we are scarcely moving forward with sufficient momentum to maintain our own ground creditably and meet the growing and increasing wants of our people in the older States—to say nothing of the new. The Board regrets this state of things exceedingly. No other remedy is known, than for the churches to come up to the work prayerfully and earnestly, and give the Board proper evidence of a disposition to sustain them in a more vigorous prosecution of the work in future, and there is no doubt that in a few years a different state of things will exist. The truth is, an examination of the Treasurer's statement will disclose the fact, that, for the most part, the contributions to this cause come from our comparatively youthful and poorer charges and congregations. It is true, some of the older congregations figure conspicuously in the list—such as Race street church, Philadelphia, Easton and Lebanon. To them we would accord all honor. While they have done well, there is still great room for doing better. Yet while we single out a few of the older congregations as showing a commendable zeal, in support of the Board, it is with mingled feelings of surprise and regret, that we record the fact, that so little is done for this enterprise by others, long established, large and wealthy congregations. The 1st church, Lancaster, Frederick, Reading, Harrisburg and Baltimore, are merely mentioned as evidences of this fact.

The Board would call the attention of Synod to a fact which perhaps is not sufficiently apprehended since the removal of our College to Lancaster. It is this. While the College was at Mercersburg, the Board had all the students under their care, for the most part under their immediate and particular control. In their Spring and Fall meetings, frequent conferences could be had with the students; their attainments and advancements noted—their general conduct scanned; but, by the removal of the College, the greater number of those under the care of the Board being in the different classes of the Preparatory school and College, makes it out of the power of the Board to act as efficiently in the way of watchfulness over the spiritual interests of the students as is to be desired. The more particular business of the Board is to attend to the affairs of the Seminary. The seat of its operations is Mercersburg. This then, makes it exceedingly difficult to act in a double capacity of Board of Visitors and of Education at one and the same time:—while in fact these two interests are separate and distinct; especially since the removal of the College to Lancaster. It is true, the Board deputes the Treasurer occa-

sionally to visit Lancaster and superintend its affairs for them. But the Board, as a Board, has not yet met in that place. Now, it is felt by the brethren, that justice to themselves and the Church, demands that greater vigilance and care should be exerted over the young men, passing through the different stages of an academic and Collegiate education preparatory to their entering the holy ministry, than they can possibly bestow. These young men are to be our future watchmen. They are to stand upon the high places of our Zion. And to do so with honor to themselves. and acceptably to the Church, their spiritual attainments must be duly guarded. The Board would venture to suggest to Synod the propriety of divorcing, for obvious reasons, the duties of an Education Board from that of the Board of Visitors. Let a new Board of Education be established ,the seat of whose operations shall be Lancaster. Let the general oversight—intellectual and spiritual—of the students, be entrusted to this Board—and in all other respects, let this Board be constituted so as to meet the wants and wishes of the Church surely and efficiently. Perhaps with this change, a greater degree of energy and zeal might be infused into the churches in behalf of this cause.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN REBAUGH, *President.*

F. A. RUPLEY, *Secretary.*

Board of Education of the German Reformed Church, in account with S. R. FISHER, *Treasurer.*

1858.		CR.	
Oct. 23	By balance at last annual report,		$213,41
Nov. 8	" Cash from Rev. W. Goodrich,		2,00
17	" " " J. E. Hiester,		5,05
24	" " " J. W. Santee,		3,62
Dec. 2	" " " H. W. Super,		25,00
8	" " " J. Riale,		5,00
	" " " T. H. Leinbach,		5,00
	" " " J. Kurtz,		25,00
15	" " " J. Sechler,		12,22
22	" " " C. Z. Weiser,		4,25
	" " " J. V. Eckert,		3,06
	" " " J. Beck,		33,00
	" " J. H. Loux,		1,00
	" " Rev. J. Riale,		15,00
	" " " M. A. Smith,		10,00
21	" " Proceeds of Note,		296,80
29	" " Rev. E. Kieffer,		8,00
1859.			
Jan. 5	" " " Dr. Schaff, Theological Seminary,		10,00
	" " " T. H. Leinbach,		5,00
	Carried forward, - - - -		$682,41

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1869.			Amount brought forward, - -	$682,41
Jan. 12	By Cash from		Rev. C. H. Leinbach,	10,00
	"	"	" F. A. Rupley,	10,00
	"	"	" J. W. Steinmetz,	10,42
19	"	"	West Susq. Classis, per T. Reber, Treas.,	51,55
25	"	"	Rev. W. Goodrich,	24,00
	"	"	Mrs. L., Pittsburg,	8,00
	"	"	Rev. J. Beck,	15,00
	"	"	" G. W. M. Schultz,	12,00
	"	"	" J. O. Miller,	10,00
Feb. 9	"	"	" " "	20,00
	"	"	Dividend Harrisburg Bank,	9,00
15	"	"	Rev. C. H. Leinbach,	20,00
	"	"	" D. Gring,	44,50
	"	"	" J. O. Miller,	7,50
23	"	"	" D. W. Wolff,	19,70
March 2	"	"	" J. D. Zehring,	5,16
	"	"	" W. R. Yearick,	35,28
	"	"	" D. G. Klein,	5,00
9	"	"	A Friend to the cause,	10,00
23	"	"	Rev. F. W. Kremer,	10,00
	"	"	J. H. Loux,	1,00
30	"	"	Rev. Dr. B. C. Wolff,	15,00
	"	"	" C. H. Leinbach.	4,50
April 6	"	"	Widow's mite,	2,50
	"	"	Rev. G. Wolff,	24,10
	"	"	" I. G. Brown,	10,00
13	"	"	Mifflinburg congregation,	8,00
20	"	"	Rev. F. W. Kremer,	63,00
27	"	"	" S. Gutelius,	2,00
	"	"	D. L. Gettysburg,	10,00
	"	"	Rev. G. W. M. Schultz,	16,00
	"	"	" F. W. Kremer,	3,98
	"	"	East Susq. Classis,	40,00
May 4	"	"	Rev. J. O. Miller,	26,00
	"	"	" S. Philips,	8,23
	"	"	" L. K. Derr,	7,00
	"	"	A Friend,	5,00
	"	"	J. Laudenschlager,	1,00
11	"	"	G. E. Addams,	15,00
	"	"	Rev. A. S. Leinbach,	20,00
	"	"	" H. Heckerman,	10,00
	"	"	" S. Philips,	30,77
	"	"	" S. R. Fisher,	5,00
	"	"	Proceeds of Note,	492,16
25	"	"	John Waggoner,	4,00
	"	"	Rev. Dr. Wolff,	5,00
	"	"	" T. G. Apple,	5,00
	"	"	" C. F. Hoffmeier,	20,00
	"	"	" D. Fous,	15,00
	"	"	" W. M. Deatrick,	10,00
	"	"	" F. A. Rupley,	13,25
June 1	"	"	" J. W. Santee,	6,00
	"	"	" W. F. Colliflower,	5,00
	"	"	" M. L. Shuford,	5,00
	"	"	" H. Wissler,	13,00
			Carried over, - -	$1,935,96

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1859			Amount brought over, - -	$1,935,96
June 1	By Cash from		Rev. C. Bonekemper,	105,77
	"	"	Ladies' Sewing Society, Fogelsville,	7,33
15	"	"	Rev. D. Y. Heisler,	3,00
	"	"	" I. K. Loos,	10,00
22	"	"	" J. Rebaugh,	5,00
29	"	"	" W. G. Hackman,	8,38
July 6	"	"	" C. Z. Weiser,	5,00
	"	"	" Dr. Schaff,	5,00
	"	"	" J. O. Miller,	20,00
13	"	"	" Dr. Bomberger,	100,00
20	"	"	" J. Beck,	25,00
	"	"	" H. Wagner.	5,00
	"	"	" J. D. Zehring,	7,00
	"	"	" J. Klein,	18,50
27	"	"	" E. Kieffer,	5,00
	"	"	" S. H. Giesy,	12,00
	"	"	" Dr. B. C. Wolff,	10,00
	"	"	A. Wotring,	1,00
	"	"	Rev. J. Zellers,	2,50
	"	"	" A. G. Dole,	5,14
	"	"	" J. Fritzinger,	9,54
	"	"	" W. Goodrich,	6,37
	"	"	" J. W. Steinmetz,	11,75
	"	"	" E. Kieffer,	62
	"	"	Joseph Laubach,	5,00
	"	"	Rev. D. F. Brendle,	5,00
Aug. 3	"	"	" J. S. Dubs,	13,05
	"	"	" M. A. Smith,	20,00
	"	"	" J. V. Eckert,	5,00
10	"	"	" J. O. Miller,	20,00
	"	"	Zions Classis,	50,00
	"	"	Rev. T. H. Leinbach.	8,26
	"	"	" I. G. Brown,	9,25
24	"	"	" J. H Derr,	30,00
	"	"	" A. Wanner,	5,00
	"	"	" W. Goodrich,	2,37
	"	"	" F A. Rupley,	6,75
31	"	"	" I. E. Graeff,	2,50
	"	"	J. M. Bockius,	5,00
Sept. 7	"	"	Rev. J. E. Hiester,	10,50
	"	"	" G. W. Glessner,	12,00
21	"	"	West Susquehanna Classis,	61,27
	"	"	M. Kieffer & Co., Interest on note.	8,63
	"	"	Rev. M. A. Smith,	20,00
	"	"	" D. Weiser, from C. H.,	5,00
28	"	"	West Susq. Classis, Treas.,	34,67
	"	"	Rev. E W. Reinecke,	18,18
	"	"	Jacob Lower,	25,00
Oct. 5	"	"	Dividend Harrisburg Bank,	9,00
12	"	"	Rev. S. G. Wagner,	17,00
19	"	"	" A. B. Shenkle,	24,00
	"	"	German Ref. cong., Race street, Phila.,	75,00
				$2,832,29

1859.	DR.	
Oct. 18	To amount paid Beneficiaries, as per vouchers,	$2,186,57½
	" Principal on loans,	615,00
	" Interest on loans,	19,77
	" Travelling expenses,	6,50
	Balance in Treasury,	54,44½
		$2,882,29

The undersigned, appointed to audit the foregoing account, reports that he has attended to the duty assigned him, and finds the account correct, showing a balance of 54,44½ in the Treasury.

F. A. RUPLEY.

Oct. 19, 1859.

II. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The following report was submitted by the Committee on the Theological Seminary, taken up item by item, and adopted:

The Committee on the Theological Seminary beg leave respectfully to present the following report:

1. From the reports placed in the hands of your committee touching the financial condition of the Seminary, it appears that the Treasurer of the Seminary still experiences considerable difficulty in collecting the back-standing interest on Plainfield Bonds, and that the debt of the Seminary several years ago apportioned among the different Classes, though somewhat reduced, still remains unliquidated. The payment of this debt at an early period is not only a plain duty, but it has become an utter necessity. The credit of this Synod is in danger of being compromised by the neglect of the Classis, to carry out the recommendation of Synod in paying the apportionment. The attention of the delinquent Classes has been repeatedly called to this matter, and yet the desired result has not yet been attained. Your committee, however, know of no other way than to continue the appeal to the Classes until the debt be paid. We recommend, therefore, the adoption of following resolution:

Resovled, That the delinquent Classes are hereby earnestly urged to make provision for the payment of their apportionment during the present year.

In regard to the back-standing interest on the Plainfield Bonds we recommend the following:

Resovled, That the Treasurer of the Seminary be requested, according to his intention as made known in his report, to continue issuing bills to all delinquents, and, moreover, that ministers in whose bounds such delinquents may reside, be requested to lend all proper aid to the Treasurer in the matter.

2. The report of the Board *of Visitors* represents the inter-

nal condition of the Seminary to be improving. The number of students is larger than it was the previous year The action of the Board, backed by certain resolutions of Synod, to induce the Theological students to remain in the Seminary until they have completed their course regularly, has, in a large measure, accomplished its desired result. The report complains, however, of the humiliating position our Church is made to occupy among the churches of the land, by reason of the paucity of candidates for the holy ministry in our Seminary, and the tardiness of our beneficiary educational operations. It complains also of a difficulty in exercising proper supervision over the beneficiary students on account of the fact, that a portion of them are at Mercersburg where the Board regularly meets, and a portion at Lancaster. One way of obviating this difficulty would be for Synod to take measures for having our literary and Theological Institutions in one locality. Another method of obviating this difficulty would be to enlarge the Board of Visitors and Education, so as to provide for the supervision of beneficiares at both places. For the present your committee would recommend to the Board of Visitors the propriety of appointing a committee from their number to exercise some supervision over the beneficiary students at Lancaster in connection with the Faculty of the College. We would also suggest the propriety of providing for the preaching of a sermon annually, or at such stated times as may seem good to the Board of Visitors, to the candidates for the holy ministry on some subject connected with the importance and solemnity of their position.

Respectfully submitted,

T. G. APPLE, *Chairman.*

III. ELECTION OF THE BOARDS CONNECTED WITH THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The following persons were chosen members of the Boards of Trustees and Visitors of the Theological Seminary:

Board of Trustees.—William Heyser, George Besore, Henry Ruby, Joshua Motter, David Zeller, George Cook, Charles Hartman, George Shafer, Daniel W. Gross, David Hensell, George Z. Kunkel, George P. Etchberger, Adam B. Wingert, Barnard Wolff, Martin Rickenbaugh, James Cushwa, and Dr. John H. Wintrode of the former Board were retained. In the place of the one, whose name is omitted, Jacob Shover, of Waynesboro', Pa., was elected.

Board of Visitors—Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, Daniel G. Bragonier, John Rebaugh, Amos H. Kremer, Charles F. McCau-

ley, Henry Harbaugh, Henry W. Super, Samuel H. Giesy, Jacob Hassler, Frederick A. Rupley, Thomas G. Apple, and Joseph W. Santee, the members of the former Board, were reelected.

IV MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RELATING TO THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The following report was received from the committee to prosecute the suit against Ex-Sheriff Duncan of York county, and the committee continued with instructions to make such arrangements with the attornies in the case, as will secure the Synod against incurring expense from the delay or loss of the suit:

The committee of Synod to prosecute the suit against Ex-Sheriff Duncan of York county, beg leave to offer the following as their report:

As yet your committee have failed to bring this suit to a conclusion. During the past year, however, a new turn has been given to the affair, leaving us to hope that it may soon be terminated to the satisfaction of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. MILLER, *Chairman.*

The following report was received from the committee on the Clopp legacy, and adopted:

The committee continued by the last annual Synod, with instructions to obtain an exact copy of the language in the Will of Mrs. Margaret Clopp, of Philadelphia, making a bequest to the Theological Seminary, respectfully report,

That they have attended to the duty assigned them. The following is an exact copy of the language of the Will covering the bequest, as taken from the original record by a member of the committee:

"I give and bequeath unto the Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Church in the United States, and their successors, the sum of one thousand dollars, to be by them invested from time to time, as occasion may require, in good and productive security, and the income thereof to be appropriated by said Trustees towards the maintenance and support of necessitous students in said Seminary, who are qualifying themselves for the preaching of the gospel ministry under the German Reformed Church."

The will was made in the city of Philadelphia on the 15th of February, 1843.

From the report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, as published in the Minutes of *Synod for* the year 1844, it

appears, that $666,66 were realized from this legacy, and incorporated with the First Professoral Fund. From the language of the will, it was clearly the intention of the testatrix, that the proceeds of this legacy should be appropriated to the support of necessitous students in the Theological Seminary, and as it is the duty of this Synod to see that this intention is strictly carried out, your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Theological Seminary be requested to direct their Treasurer to appropriate the proceeds of this legacy since it was funded, and the proceeds thereof hereafter annually, to the "support of necessitous students in the Theological Seminary, who are qualifying themselves for the preaching of the gospel ministry under the German Reformed Church," according to the intention of the testatrix.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Chairman*.

The following additional resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Board of Education be instructed to pay over to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, the amount of the proceeds of the above fund to the present date, to enable him to comply with the direction of Synod, as contained in the foregoing report.

The committee on the Theological Tutorship submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee on the Theological Tutorship beg leave to submit the following report:

Soon after the last meeting of Synod your committee had a circular printed at the office in Chambersburg, containing the report on the Theological Tutorship, as adopted by Synod, and an appeal to assist in carrying the plan into effect by a contribution either in ready money or a note bearing interest from the first of October, 1859. It was hoped that twenty men might easily be found within the bounds of our Synod, who, by a contribution of $500 each, could at once raise the whole amount, and thus set a noble example of prompt and efficient liberality.

More than two hundred of these circulars were mailed to ministers and prominent laymen of the German Reformed Church, and in several instances accompanied by private letters respectfully soliciting their cöoperation in this noble and useful work either in the way proposed by the committee or in any other manner they might in their judgment deem best, and to return an answer to the committee before the first of May.

From the zeal and unanimity with which the Tutorship

scheme was adopted by Synod, the committee had a right to expect, that the appeal made in the name and by the authority of Synod, would be promptly and cordially responded to, so as to secure the object contemplated before the present meeting of Synod, without any expense for agency.

But this expectation, we regret to say, was doomed to disappointment. With one or two exceptions only, the circulars and letters of appeal remained unnoticed. The attempt of one member of the committee to make personal application in a few congregations, during the last Spring vacation, was discouraged by the respective pastors, whose consent was first asked, and by the first of May the prospects of a speedy completion of Synod's action seemed to have vanished.

Then the committee resolved to send circulars and appeals to all the Classes at their last meetings, urging them to coöperate in carrying out the wishes of Synod. This attempt, although not as encouraging as might be desired for the credit of the Church, has at least resulted in partial success. One Classis which met first, did nobly and assumed four pledges of $500, including two individual pledges, promising to pay the interest annually from the time the $10,000 are raised, and the principal as soon as may be convenient or desirable. Had the other Classes followed this precedent in proportion to their strength, the Tutorship would now be endowed and could go into full operation with the present meeting of Synod. Three other Classes pledged themselves for $500 each. One or two Classes placed the matter into the hands of special committees for future action. But all the other Classes unfortunately either excused themselves altogether from doing any thing at present, or contented themselves with commendatory resolutions which promise no tangible result.

The various Classes thus having taken action of some kind or other on the subject, the committee felt that they had no right to go any further without new instructions from Synod. The result thus far attained in the way of pledges, is as follows:

Classis of Mercersburg, four pledges of $500 each,	$2,000
" East Susquehanna, one pledge,	500
" West " " "	500
" Philadelphia, " "	500
Rev. Dr. Bomberger, in behalf of the Race street congregation, Philadelphia,	500
Rev. Mr. Edmonds, in behalf of the Aaronsburg charge,	500
Total amount,	$4,500

If we add a few additional pledges in behalf of the Classes of Maryland and Lancaster, which have committed the subject of the appeal of your committee to special committees, with in-

structions to secure donations till their next annual meeting, we may safely say that more than *one half* of the entire Tutorship fund, as contemplated at present, has been at least conditionally secured since the last meeting of Synod.

Under these circumstances it is to be taken for granted, that Synod will not stop half way, but vigorously prosecute this noble enterprise to its final completion.

It now remains for you to devise the ways and means for this end, and to decide whether the Classes shall be called upon a second time with positive instruction to help in this matter according to the measure of their ability, or whether the whole subject be committed to the care of a special agent, whose duty it shall be to travel over the territory of Synod and to secure the $10,000 in cash or reliable notes bearing interest from a certain date to be fixed by Synod.

With these suggestions we leave the further disposition of this matter in your hands.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP SCHAFF, *Chairman.*

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the committee be continued, and instructed tn prosecute the object of their appointment in such a way as they may deem best calculated to secure the end contemplated.

The following report was received from the committee to cöoperate with the Treasurer of Synod in investing the Kieffer Fund, and adopted:

In compliance with the resolution adopted by the last annual Synod at Frederick, Md., the committee appointed by the Synod at Lewisburg, Pa., to cöoperate with the Treasurer of Synod in investing the Kieffer Legacy in landed property, respectfully report as follows:

The duty assigned the committee has been discharged. The money referred to has been safely invested according to the direction of the testator, and secured by first mortgages on first class landed property in the vicinity of Chambersburg, which mortgages are also properly entered upon record in the Recorder's office of Franklin county, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Chairman.*

The committee on the removal of the Theological Seminary, submitted their report, stating that there were no legal difficulties in the way of removing the Seminary, and recommending that steps be taken to remove the Seminary to a

more eligible place as soon as practicable. The subject was taken up and fully discussed, at the close of which the following resolution was adopted as a substitute for the report:

Resolved, That this Synod, after mature deliberation, deems it inexpedient at present, to remove the Theological Seminary to another place.

No report was received from the committee to draft a schedule of studies to be pursued by certain beneficiaries and other candidates for the ministry, who cannot pursue a full course of studies.

ARTICLE XIV.

Missions.

1.) REPORTS OF THE BOARDS OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The following report was received from the Board of Domestic Missions, and referred to the Committee on Missions:

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN:—The Board of Missions would respectfully present the following as their annual report:

Under the guidance of the great Head of the Church, the Board have been enabled to carry forward the work committed to them, and now at the end of this Synodical year, they feel constrained to give expression to their grateful feelings, for the blessings which a merciful Father in heaven has caused to rest upon their counsels and deliberations, and, more especially, upon the missions under their care. The Divine presence has manifestly been bestowed upon our missionaries, enabling them to endure hardships, to sacrifice themselves upon the altar of Christ, to bear up under discouragements, and to labor in many cases with apostolic zeal for the spread of Christ's kingdom on earth. Nor have their labors been without their proper legitimate result. The missions, generally, are prosperous, and some more so, some less. This will appear from the following reports of their condition, progress, and prospects, individually, in the different States of the Union.

NEW YORK.

New York City. The Rev. *J. F. Busche* continues to labor among the Germans of New York city under many disadvantages, but with much of the self-sacrificing spirit of the true missionary. His field, in the great commercial emporium of our country, in the midst of a large German population, is a

very important one. A decidedly evangelical influence is needed to counteract the radical and infidel tendencies, which the immigrants have brought along with them from abroad. This mission, though, owing to untoward circumstances, it has not as yet attained to such a commanding position as its importance demands, has, nevertheless, been doing a great and a good work. During the past year it has been making a gradual progress. The pastor reports that a poor widow, with a child dependent on her, distressed, because she could not contribute anything to the support of the mission, proposed to sew for the Church. This gave rise to a Female Missionary Society, numbering about thirty members, who are actively engaged in making up useful articles for sale, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the liquidation of the debt on the church. During the year twenty six have been added to the Church. The numbers of communicants is about 150. In 1854 it was 84. In 1857, 136 The Sabbath school numbers 100, the parochial 80. $57,25 have been collected for Missions. During the previous year the amount was $42,00. The appropriation to this mission is $150 per year. This missionary and mission truly deserve the sympathy and prayers of the Church.

Rochester. Rev. *F. Grosshüsch* reports that his congregation during the past year has erected a new parsonage, and that provision has been made to pay for it, with the exception of $50,00. The church debt has been diminished $100,00. $12,00 have been collected for Missions, the same as last year. Three additions have been made to the Church. The number of communicants is about 100. Mr. G. is a laborious pastor; in addition to his pastoral duties, he has the charge of the parochial school, and this, as well as the circumstances of his people, who are generally poor, renders it necessary for him to perform pastoral visitation in the evening. He reports that his consistory manifest a decidedly Christian spirit, and that there is an increase of devotion among his people. Peace and harmony prevail. This mission is looked upon with interest by, and has received assistance from, noble minded persons in other denominations, whose sympathies have been enlisted in the spiritual welfare of the foreign German population in the city. Owing to the straitened circumstances of their pastor, his appropriation has been increased from $150,00 to $200,00. His entire income is about $300,00.

NEW JERSEY.

Elizabeth City. During the past year a promising mission has been commenced among the foreign Germans at Elizabeth city and neighborhood, under the pastoral care of Rev. *O. Lohr*, recently from Germany. Mr. Lohr was ordained by the Classis of New York, and was directed to his present field of labor by the bretheren of that Classis. Much interest was manifest-

ed in his labors among the Germans by ministers and members of sister denominations, and through their influence a convenient place for worship was immediately secured. At Rahway, where he has also been preaching, he has organized a second congregation, and a new church is in process of erection, which, it is thought, will be consecrated by the 1st of January next. As the prospect of building up a self-supporting charge seemed encouraging, he was commissioned on the 1st. of January last with an appropriation of $150,00. He commenced with forty members, which have increased to eighty seven. He collected for Missions $7,25.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Hazelton, Luzerne County. The Rev. *J. B. Pörner* has now been laboring for his fourth year in a large missionary field in Luzerne, Carbon, and more recently, in Schuylkill counties. During this period he has received manifest tokens of the divine blessing on his labors. He has organized and reorganized some eight or nine congregations, and been instrumental in bringing back a considerable number of the members of our Church, who had been previously served by ministers independent of the Synod. During the past year he organized a new congregation and reorganized another. He has made missionary tours to Rockport, Whitehaven and other places in the coal region, and expects to visit several vacant congregations in Schuylkill county. His field, however, is too large for the labor of one man, and he accordingly proposes to associate with him the Rev. W. Gilpin as a colleague, and wishes the Board to make an appropriation for his support. He serves some ten or twelve congregations, has as many Sabbath schools, over three hundred members, and reports thirty eight additions to his churches, and one hundred and fourteen baptisms. He collected $16,03 for missions, and $10,00 for the Theological Seminary. His appropriation is $60,00 per year, which the Board believes will be returned to the Church at no distant day greatly increased in amount.

Doylestown, Bucks County. The Rev. *A. S. Vaughan* was commissioned to labor in this field, at the request of the Classis of Goshenhoppen, on the 1st. of January last. Having been called to the presidency of Catawba College, N. C., he tendered his resignation, which took effect on the 1st. of October. It was received with regret, inasmuch as his field seemed to be most promising, just at the time he was called to leave it. Mr. V. represents the prospect of building up a congregation at D. as encouraging. The material in the town and neighborhood has been neglected for a long time, but enough of it remains to form a self-supporting charge in the course of a few years. Our missionary was in the field only nine months, and was moreover, under the necessity of teaching school for his sup-

port. Nevertheless an interest has been awakened, which need but be cherished a little longer to bring forth valuable results. An energetic missionary should be sent to take charge of this mission without delay. Appropriation $200,00.

Wilkesbarre, Luzerne County. This field, which had been vacant and in a suffering state for some time, is again occupied by a minister of the Church. Rev. *F. Strassner* has been laboring as a missonary under the care of the Classis of East Pennsylvania since January last. During his nine months of service, his efforts in gathering together the scattered sheep, have been crowned with a good degree of success. He reports that the means of grace are duly appreciated by the people, and that an increasing interest has been displayed in carrying forward the work of Christ in his field. He serves three small congregations, numbering in all 98 members, and during the first six months of his ministry, he confirmed 14 and baptized 29. The congregation in Wilkesbarre worship in the lecture-room, as the church is still unfinished. One thousand dollars are needed to finish it. If this could be secured, the congregation would have a pleasant place of worship, and the interests of the mission would be greatly promoted. The prospects of this neglected part of the Church thus seem to be again brightening.

Newville, Cumberland County. The pastor, Rev. *D. Hefelfinger* reports that his charge, consisting of three congregations, remains in about the same condition as it was during the previous year. In one of his congregations a new church was dedicated last Christmas. This has drawn upon the resources of the charge, and as he alleges, prevented the people from contributing anything to the cause of Missions. As, however, its tendency will be to consolidate the charge, it will doubtless aid in soon rendering the mission a self-supporting one. Mr. H. has commenced preaching at a new point, where, it is thought, a congregetion may be organized in the course of time. He represents his field as a difficult one to cultivate, owing to the existence of a noxious sectism, and the great diversity of sentiment among the people on the subject of religion. Appropriation $75,00.

Yellow Creek Charge, Bedford county. As intimated in last year's report, the mission under the charge of Rev. *W. M. Deatrick,* became self-supporting on the 1st. of April last. The pastor has commenced preaching at two new points, from which he expects to receive as much support as he has been receiving from the Board. During the six months he was under the care of the Board, he collected for Domestic Missions $45,00, for other purposes $333,60, total $378,60. During the three years he was under the Board he received in all $150,00, and his congregations contributed more than three times that amount to

the different benevolent operations of the Church. Of his own accord he now withdraws from the Board, that his appropriation may be devoted to the support of missionaries in more destitute charges. The salary which he expects hereafter to receive from his charge will hardly amount to $300,00. The disinterested zeal and activity of Mr. Deatrick and his people are encouraging to the friends of Missions in the Church and they should stimulate both ministers and people to make similar sacrifices for this heaven-born cause. His case, however, is only one evidence among others, that the work performed by our missionaries is one of toil and self sacrifice for the Church on the altar of Christ. During his six months of service he added to the Church 9 and baptized 13. Last year he added 6 to the Church and baptized 36.

Pittsburg. This mission, under the care of its energetic pastor, Rev. *G. B. Russel*, has been making its usual progress during the past year. He reports that services were held during Holy Week every evening, and that they were truly refreshing to the congregation. On Easter morning fourteen new members were received into the Church. Eight of these were parents. One of them was a prominent physician of the city, who, though educated in another denomination, preferred with his wife our services, and was confirmed according to the custom of the fathers, and the order in the new Liturgy. The Sabbath school has increased largely, but the Mission Sabbath school has been relinquished for the want of teachers to carry it forward. The services of the Sabbath, of the weekly lectures, and the social prayer meeting, have been steadily maintained with more or less interest. The Church festivals have been observed, especially Chrismas, Holy Week and Whitsuntide. The loss in the membership by death and removals has been considerable, still there has been an increase of one eighth on the number of members reported last year. A young man, a member of the congregation, has devoted himself to the ministry, and is now pursuing his studies in Franklin and Marshall College. An encouraging effort has been made during the past quarter to reduce the debt on the Church property, and the pastor states, that, if the brethren abroad would cöoperate with the congregation *now*, this mission would be at once self-sustaining. This would only require that pledges already made, should be promptly redeemed. If the Board could pledge $500 to be paid next April, it would be relieved from making any further appropriation after the 1st of January next. Should this not be done, the debt may remain as an incubus upon the energies of the congregation for years to come. The pastor, as occasion offers, extends his labors beyond his own congregation, in the country around or in the prisons of the city. In one of his reports, he states that he has been giving instruction

with good effect, to a hardened criminal condemned for the crime of murder. This mission is now in its sixth year, and notwithstanding the magnitude of the difficulties it has had to encounter, it has been increasing yearly in strength and durability. It receives an appropriation of $200,00, the amount having been reduced $300,00, since it was started.

MARYLAND.

Baltimore. This mission was commenced under the direction of the Rev. Dr. Heiner and several members of his congregation about two years ago. These brethren have also continued to render it important services in the way of counsel, and by active assistance in securing for it a suitable church edifice in an eligible part of the city. Soon after the congregation was organized, difficulties arose out of the heterogenous material, of which it was composed, which, for a time, threatened its prosperity, if not its existence. These, however, have been happily allayed, and a better spirit again prevails. The pastor reports, that he labors under many difficulties and embarrassments owing to the inadequate support, which he receives, but that the congregation is making a favorable progress. The Sabbath school numbers 100 scholars, the parochial 60. He baptized 15 infants during the year. Baptized and comfirmed members 250, communicants 247. The appropriation is $150, which for the first year was paid out of an appropriation to this Board by the Southern Aid Sociey, whose centre of operations is in Boston, Mass.

Frederick city. This is a German mission, and from last accounts, it is in a prosperous condition. The pastor, Rev. *J. Külling* served it nine months, and then accepted of a call to the 4th German Reformed church in Baltimore. Since then it has been without a pastor, but it has been supplied with preaching every two weeks in the afternoon by the Rev. Dr. Zacharias. Some confirmations have been reported, and one German Sabbath school numbering 60 scholars. An effort was made to erect a new church, but this was relinquished and with the entire approval of the Board. The English congregation in Frederick have thus far allowed the Germans the use of their old church at a nominal rent, and as there is no objection to the continuance of this arrangement, it would appear unnecessary, that the mission should, under present circumstances, involve itself in the expense of erecting a new house of worship. Appropriation, $75,00.

The missions, which have been thus for reported, with the exception of the one at Pittsburg, are in the territory occupied by this Synod. They are eleven in number. The remaining ten lie within the bounds of the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, which has a Board of its own, and cöoperates actively with their sister Synod in the east in supplying the destitute

places in the west with the bread of life. We now proceed to give an account of their condition and prospects.

OHIO.

Toledo. The missionary, Rev. *H. Eschmeier*, reports that he received one family into the Church by certificate, and seven by confirmation. The Sabbath and parochial schools are sustained with happy results. The congregation is at present taking measures to procure an organ, which seems to be almost indispensable in a congregation composed of foreign Germans. Like all the rest of our German missions, this too is surrounded with an atmosphere of infidelity and dead formalism. A large portion of our foreign German population have either forsaken the faith of their forefathers, or else have fallen into a stiff, self-righteous orthodoxy, which stands as a barrier in the way of the progress of the gospel. At Toledo, therefore, our mission is a light in a dark place, and small as it is, it is exerting an influence for good, which, it is hoped, goes beyond its own immediate membership. The debt on the church is nearly paid. The Bible class and weekly lecture are sustained with more or less of interest. Appropriation $100.

Sandusky city. This is also a German mission, and its surroundings are similar to those of the one which has just been reported. It was commenced several years ago under the pastoral care of the Rev. *P. Brücker*, who died at his post. After his death, in an unhappy hour it connected itself with another denomination, with the expectation of receiving a larger amount of pecuniary aid than they had received from their own. Upon the settlement of their present pastor among them, Rev. *J. B. Kniest*, they were induced to return to the Church of their fathers, and so to alter their charter, as to bind them permanently to their own denomination. Under these circumstances Mr. Kniest was commissioned to labor among them as their missionary on the first of November last. He preaches in two churches in the city, the one in the eastern part, the other in the western, called West Liberty. The latter was erected by members of the Episcopal Church, but as their enterprise was unsuccessful, they passed it into the hands of the Reformed people. It was encumbered with a debt, which has been thus far very much in the way of its progress. Strenuous efforts have been made to liquidate it, and the pastor made a visit to the churches in the east during the summer, for the purpose of collecting money for that purpose. In this, owing to several circumstances, he was only partially successful. Appropriation $100. No statistics have been received.

Herring, Allen county. This is also a new mission. The pastor, Rev. *J. Klingler*, was commissioned on the 1st of January last with an appropriation of $100. *Since then* he has organiz-

ed three new congregations, three Sabbath schools, and confirmed seven members. He has been visiting destitute points, with the view of organizing new congregations. His field is a large one, and though beset with many difficulties, it is not without promise. Many of the people have been living for years without the means of grace, and the children of those, who were once members of the Church, have grown up without baptism. When he entered upon his labors, there was much indifference in regard to religion, and as a consequence, vice, immorality, intemperance and profanity prevailed. In a part of his field these have given way to prayer and praise. Where families were once worldly and immoral, the family-altar has been erected and society seems to have undergone an entire renovation. This missionary labors under great difficulties in supporting his family. He engages in manual labor part of his time to procure a support, and his children must go without proper clothing and schooling. He also suffers opposition from surrounding sects. Still he labors with much encouragement. There are those who sustain him in this work, and the attendance at preaching and in the Sunday school is large. He preaches in both languages, and thinks that soon, other points will be added to his charge so as to make it self-sustaining.

Cincinnati. The English mission at Cincinnati, under the pastoral care of Rev. *S. Mease*, is one of the most important under the care of this Board. The German congregation under the care of Rev. H. Rust, formerly sustained by this Board, is now in successful operation; but in a few years many of the members will desire to worship in the language of the country. A spiritual home should be provided for these and their descendants in time, if they are not to be lost to the Church, where they may be able to worship in the English language. This can be accomplished only by rearing up an English congregation. Moreover, members of our Church, moving into the city from the country, must be provided for in the same way. But the difficulty of building up this enterprise is in direct proportion to its importance, and the pastor seems to have gloomy forebodings in regard to its final success. The mission has been in existence some three or four years, and has thirty-two members, about the same as last year. Its prospects were seriously injured, a year or two ago, by the establishment of a similar enterprise near by under the direction of another denomination. Its greatest difficulty, at the present time, is the want of a suitable church-edifice. The lecture room, in which the congregation worship at present, is inadequate to meet its wants. Bro. Mease, in his last report, writes, that the success of the enterprise would seem to depend on the erection of a new church at no distant day, and that if this cannot be done,

it is doubtful, whether it would be wise to continue it any longer. It would be a great misfortune, however, if there should be any necessity for the relinquishment of this mission. Can not some plan be devised by which it may receive a new impulse? The Sabbath school numbers 120. The Bible class is still sustained. Appropriation $300.

INDIANA.

Indianapolis. This mission, under the Rev. M. G. I. Stern, has been prosperous in all respects during the past year. A continued interest has been manifested in the preaching of the Gospel. During the first quarter 5 were added by confirmation; during the second 10; during the third 7. Others are expected to be added to the Church at an early day, so that the prospect is, that the good work will continue. The congregation is increasing in the spirit of prayer, and the necessity of a new divine life is felt. The Sabbath school is represented, in the last report, as larger than it ever was. Teachers and scholars vie with each in their efforts to enlarge the school, and both cherish and promote the spirit of missions. Two of the scholars have expressed their purpose to devote themselves to the Gospel ministry, and are now preparing themselves for College. The case of one of them was laid before the Consistory, and a missionary society was formed, the proceeds of which, for the present, will be devoted to his support. The debt on the church is now in effect extinguished. A truly Christian spirit appears to pervade the congregation, one evidence of which is, their grateful feeling towards the Board for the assistance rendered them, and another, the increase of the spirit of liberality among them. At the end of the third quarter of the present year, they made an effort to support their pastor hereafter themselves, in which they were successful. They are, therefore, now self-sustaining. The appropriation was $100, and the pastor retires from the Board on a salary of $320.

Decatur, Adams county. Rev. *P. Vitz* reports that he has added 2 members to the Church by certificate and 5 by confirmation. He has a flourishing Sabbath school and a Female society for the promotion of Beneficiary Education. This mission is in the second year of its existence; consists of a German congregation of 45 members, but is located in a region of country, where other congregations may be organized in the course of time. This brother labors with much self-denial for the Church, and from a disinterested love for his people. His house is destitute of many of the necessary comforts and conveniences of life. He is surrounded by fanaticism and formalism, which oppose and resist his efforts to diffuse the spirit of the Gospel. His members are engaged in agricultural pursuits, and own several thousand *acres of* land, which will give permanency *to his work. Appropriation* $80.

KENTUCKY.

Louisville. The Rev. *A. Tönsmeier* reports nothing special in the history of this mission during the past year. It seems that its different operations have been carried forward with energy and zeal. It is German, in the midst of a large German population, similar to that which is witnessed in our large cities generally. He devotes much attention to the parochial school, gives it a religious character, and makes it subservient to the progress of the Church. It has not yet become self-supporting, as was expected, which is owing to difficulties in the congregation, which have not been entirely healed. Mr. T. has received a call to another part of the Church, which, he thought, it was his duty to accept. His resignation will take effect on the 1st. of November, but it is thought that a successor will be secured to take his place.

The congregation owns a church-edifice and a parsonage. Collected for Domestic Missions $65,53. Appropriation $150.

MICHIGAN.

Detroit. Owing to the hard times the missionary in this field, Rev. *A. Schröder,* has been laboring under serious disadvantages. With the cares of an arduous work to occupy his mind, he says, he is greatly embarrassed in providing for the wants of his family. He reports that his church does not increase in number, as the material is of a floating character, and that the yearly additions are generally not more than the removals. He reports 50 communicant members, the same as it was three years ago. Two Sunday schools are sustained, the one English and the other German. He collected $6,00 and receives an Appropriation of $300,00.

WISCONSIN.

Sheboygen. Rev. *P. T. Kluge* reports, that the condition of his congregation is encouraging, and that his labors among the foreign Germans have not been without good fruits. He is under the necessity of teaching during the week. He has a large Sabbath school, and reports an increase of hearers on the Sabbath. He has eleven in his catechetical class. He received two heads of families by certificate and added five by confirmation. One removal and one suspension. He preaches regularly at a place, called Mosmosel, distant eight miles, every two weeks. He collected $15,50. His appropriation is $150. He reports that there is a great demand for laborers in our church in Wisconsin.

IOWA.

Lisbon, Linn County. An interesting field for missionary labor was brought to light by the General Agent of the Board, Rev. W. K. Zieber, during his exploring tour in the new State of

Iowa. A number of places were pointed out, where members of our Church were formed in little colonies, and where the people earnestly desired that some one should be sent to preach the Gospel to them. At the request of the Executive Committee about a year ago, Rev. Joshua Riale was induced to give up his charge with the view of laboring as a missionary of the Church in the far west. Having explored the ground, he found that the spiritual desolations were great, that many of our people, who had come from the east, were as sheep without a shepherd, and that the prospect of building up congregations at various points, was very encouraging. The Reformed people, in most cases, still adhered to the Church of their fathers, and were greatly rejoiced to hear a minister of their own denomination preaching to them the Gospel. He felt himself constrained at once to cast in his lot among them, and throwing himself upon Providence for support, to labor for them as their pastor. He says the harvest is truly great, but, as the laborers are few, he felt it his duty to explore the country further, and that wherever he went he found members of the Church ready to receive him with open arms. In visits of this kind, in five months, he travelled 1250 miles, nearly all of which was performed on horse-back, through mud and water, of which no idea could be formed in the eastern States. He preaches regularly at Boulder, Tipton and Hebron. He visited Iowa city and preached. He represents that the Board should send another missionary into the State as soon as possible, who can preach in both languages. The people, though generally straitened in their circumstances, show a liberal disposition to support a pastor. As Mr. R. could not as yet state what amount of salary the people could raise for him, the Board appropriated $50 for his support on account. The readers of our Church-periodicals have already learned, that the Classis of Iowa has just been organized, and that this event was brought about by the accession of our missionary to a number of our ministers in that distant State.

The General Superintendent of Missions, Rev. W. K. Zieber, prosecuted the object of his mission with much energy, prudence, and devotion to the cause during the year. He visited Missions already established, explored destitute places, encouraged those who have been waiting long for some one to break unto them the bread of life, took measures to gather our scattered members into congregations, and as far as his time permitted, endeavored to develop the liberality of the Church and to awaken a new interest in the cause of Missions in our congregations. In labors of this kind he has performed a large amount of work for this and the Western Board, the results of which have already been felt. It was, therefore, with sincere regret, that the Board learned, *that he* felt it his duty to accept of a call to *a pastoral field in the* Eastern Synod, and

that they were to be deprived of his valuable services after he had acquired the knowledge and experience necessary to make himself still more efficient as the agent of the Board. An agency of this kind seems to be more and more needed every year, as the operations of the Board are enlarging and calling for more supervision than the Board or Executive Committee can give them. The missions under the Board ought to be visited from time to time, whilst new, and important openings ought to be explored; but apart from this, the labor of one man might be employed with good effect in visiting our old established congregations, for the purpose of awakening an increased interest in the missionary work, and developing a spirit of liberality in its support. This is a matter of great importance; for it is but reasonable to suppose that the blessing of God can rest upon the work, only in proportion as the Church itself becomes interested in it and labors for its support.

From the reports which have been given above, of the missions under the care of the Board, it will be seen, that the work has been carried forward with energy, and the spirit of self-sacrifice on the part of our missionaries. Their labors have also been in a great degree crowned with the divine blessing and borne precious fruit. The missions, as a whole, have never perhaps presented a more encouraging prospect, or called more loudly upon us to engage in it with increased energy and faith. Much has been done, yet still much more remains to be done. We may say, that only a fair beginning has been made, and that the vast proportions and grand results of the work are just appearing. What is required of us as a Church is, to increase in zeal, activity, liberality and prayer in bringing it to a glorious consummation. It may be proper for us here to state briefly in detail some of the difficulties, which the Board is constantly experiencing, in carrying forward its operations.

1st. The most prominent of these, perhaps, is the want of suitable laborers for the field. The harvest is great and the laborers are few. As a Church we hardly have enough ministers to fill the pastoral charges already established, and as promising openings appear in the East and the West, that ought to be provided for at once, we know not where to look to for men to take charge of them. As a Church we need greatly a new baptism of the Spirit, not only that the spirit of piety among us may be elevated, but that scores of our youth, may devote themselves to the work of the ministry. They are greatly needed, and the call upon them to lay down the plow and the hammer, and devote themselves to the Church, is growing louder and louder, more and more urgent every year. But we would not have them to rush with impetuous speed into the work. The missionary work calls not only for men of piety, but also of wisdom, tact and education. Let them be sought out in all

our congregations, and let a liberal provision be made for their preparation for the work at our institutions of learning. Perhaps there is not a charge in our bounds of any size, where some young man may not be found, who could be induced to give up all and devote his life to Christ and the Church. Let our ministers, then, each one for himself diligently inquire whether he may not have some young David still among the flocks, whom the Lord has already chosen to fight the battles of the Lord.

2. The Board yearly feels the want of interest in the missionary work among our people. While some of our congregations remember this cause in their prayers, and regularly and liberally contribute for its support, there are still many remaining, in which nothing is done. And yet the cause of missions is one that lies near the hearts of our people. They were once themselves the objects of missionary care on the part of the Church in Holland and the fatherland, and their friends in the West, from time to time, make pressing appeals to them, to send them the bread of life ere they perish. All this strikes a responsive cord in their hearts, and from experience and observation, the Board has long been confirmed in the opinion, that there are few of our people, who would not contribute something every year for the support of missions, if proper representations and appeals were made to them. The chief difficulty, we believe, therefore, lies in the want of system in bringing out the resources of our Church. One object among others, which the Board had in view in the appointment of the Superintendent, Mr. Zieber, was just this, to labor in our churches, to diffuse missionary intelligence and to awaken a prayerful interest in this work. He has, however, now retired from his agency, and it devolves on the Board and our ministers to devise some plan by which this object may be secured. Five thousand copies of the reports of this Board were circulated during the past year among our churches for this purpose. Missionary conventions were held in some of the Classes, which doubtless accomplished good results. But still something more is needed and a vigorous effort ought to be made either by the Synod or the individual Classes, by which those portions of the Church might be reached, where as yet the spirit of missions, or of Christian love and Christian charity still slumbers.

There is great reason to believe, that our people will listen to the voice of their pastors, and bring their contributions for the support of this work. The history of the last ten or twelve years is full of encouragement. Though the Synod from the beginning has taken more or less interest in the work of building up weak congregations in destitute places, yet it was only in the year 1848 that she engaged in it with much interest in a united capacity, and carried the work more vigorously forward under the Board of Missions. Since then there has

been a steady increase in its contributions. By referring to the annual reports of the Board, it appears that the following amounts were contributed yearly since 1847:

In 1847—$361,28½; 1848—1,058,32; 1849—1,589,91½; 1850—1,737,21; 1851—1,740,25; 1852—1,833,16; 1853—1,795,79; 1854—2,723,78; 1855—3,198,47; 1856—,2905,40; 1857—2,855,-50; 1858—3,611,52; 1859—4,114,55.

It will thus be seen, that there has been a steady increase in the contributions of the Church, and that during the past year the amount has been larger than during any previous year. This is a cause for devout gratitude to God, and furnishes strong inducements to the Church to persevere in the promotion of this work. The liabilities of the Board are about $900, about half of which was incurred in getting up the certificate of life-membership. It is desirable, that this debt should not be permitted to increase, and strenuous efforts should be made to remove it altogether.

Some of the Classes still support missionaries without placing them under the care of the Board. The Board, therefore, at its last semi-annual meeting passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Synod request the Classes to carry on their missionary operations through the Board of Domestic Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC GERHART, *President*.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Board of Domestic Missions of the German Reformed Church, in account with DANIEL W. GROSS, *Treasurer*.

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Oct.	22	By Cash	per Rev. F. W. Kremer, Treasurer of Lebanon Classis, from 1st Ger. Ref. church, Reading, in full of Mrs. Victor Blumer's life membership,	$15,00
		"	per do., in part of John F. Moer's life membership,	25,00
		"	from Rev. J. Rebaugh, col. in Middleburg, in redemption of pledge at Classis,	10,00
	27	"	from Rev. Thomas H. Leinbach, per Rev. F. W. K.,	8,00
	30	"	from Rev. Joshua H. Derr, a life membership. Mrs. Sarah Zieber is the name given,	30,00
		"	per Rev. D. Gans, col. at Missionary Anniversary at Synod at Frederick city, Md.,	45,00
		"	from Rev. John Ault, col. on communion occasions at Sulphur Springs, Frankfort and Churchtown congregations,	16,00
			Carried forward,	$149,00

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1858.			Amount brought forward,	$149,00
Nov.	4	By Cash	of Rev. D. Bossler, collected in his charge,	15,00
		"	Rev. A. Tönsmeier, additional,	46,50
		"	Rev. T. Grosshuesch, collected,	3,62
		"	Rev. D. Hefelfinger, col. in Newville ch.,	2,50
		"	Rev. J. B. Pörner, col. in Hazleton ch.,	5,43
		"	Rev. J. F. Busche, col. in New York,	12,00
		"	Rev. E. W. Reinecke, col in Frederick,	2,82
		"	Rev. W. K. Zieber, collected when travelling,	12,25
		"	per Rev. I. Gerhart, for Mission Tracts,	28,02
		"	do do for certificates of L. memb.	29,00
		"	do do from Arnheim, Brown co., O.	3,00
		"	per Rev. I. Gerhart, outfit for our Superintendent of Missions, from the following clerical brethren: Rev. I. S. Demund, H. Harbaugh, B. Bausman, D. Gans, J. S. Dubs, T. G. Apple, S. Philips, J. Beck, F. W. Kremer, D. Zacharias, D. D., J. S. Foulk, $5,00 each, and S. H. Giesy $6,00, Total	61,00
		"	proceeds of a note for $300 discounted in Harrisburg Bank,	296,85
	10	"	from Rev. W. H. Groh, col. in Emanuel's congregation,	3,70
		"	Rev. J. Hassler, col. in Martinsburg, in part payment of pledge for life membership,	10,00
	15	"	per J. Rodenmayer, Esq., Superintendent of Maryland Classis, from Rev. J. G. Fritchey, Taneytown charge, for Burkettsville miss.,	10,00
		"	from Rev. H. Wissler, Manchester charge, for do.,	25,00
		"	from Rev. J. W. Santee, Cavetown charge, for do.,	10,00
		"	from Rev. W. F. Colliflower, Jefferson charge, for do.,	15,00
	20	"	per Rev. George Wolff, from Mr. Henry Dieffenbacher, one of his members at Strawberry Ridge,	35,00
	26	"	per Miss C. E. Groff, New Holland, from several of her scholars in German Reformed Sabbath school,	1,00
Dec.	1	"	from Mt. Washington College, in part payment of pledge of life membership, per Dr. L. H. Steiner,	7,00
		"	from Rev. I. G. Brown, towards constituting Mrs. N. Fisher and Mrs. Emma Apple life members,	10,00
		"	from Waynesboro' charge, redemption of pledge at Classis,	30,00
		"	from Rev. J. Riale, pledge at Classis $5,00, col. in Water Street charge 3,00,	8,00
		"	per Rev. F. W. Kremer, from Rev. T. H. Leinbach, col. in Tulpenhocken church,	5,25
		"	per Rev. J. D. Zehring, from Miss Hannah R. Goranfloh's saving box, Allentown,	1,00
	11	"	of J. Rodenmayer, Sup. of Md. Classis, from from Salem cong. of the Hagerstown charge,	33,08
	15	"	per Rev. Jacob Sechler, *Loshy's* church,	10,00
			Carried forward,	$880,97

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1858.		Amount brought over,	$880,87
Dec. 16	By Cash	per Rev. J. Beck, Easton, Pa., from the female members of his congregation on two life memberships pledged at Synod,	15,00
18	"	per Rev. G. Wolff, Treas. of East Susq. Classis, from Rev. E. Kieffer, Lykens Valley ch.,	8,00
	"	from Rev. G. Wolff, Turbetsville charge,	2,00
29	"	per Rev. C. C. Russell, from David B. Russell, Waynesboro', Pa.,	2,00
	"	per Rev. F. Wise, from Daniel King, South Bend, Pa.,	5,00
1859.			
Jan. 5	"	per Rev. I. K. Loos, col. in Oxford Furnace ch., for German missions in the far West,	2,65
	"	per Rev. I. K, Loos, col. in Flickersville for missions west of the State of Ohio,	5,11
9	"	per Thomas Reber, Treasurer of the West Susquehanna Classis, from Rebersburg ch.,	5,00
	"	per John Rodenmayer, Sup. of Md. Classis,	
	"	from Rev. H. Wissler, Manchester charge, for Hagerstown mission,	18,10
	"	from Rev. T. G. Apple, Greencastle cong., to constitute Rev. S. Philips a life member,	30,00
11	"	from Rev. W. K. Zieber, col. on travelling expenses at several places in Maryland,	8,25
12	"	per Rev. F W. Kremer, from Rev. T. H. Leinbach, collected at Klopp's,	7,25
	"	from Rev. D. F. Brendle, Christmas col.,	5,00
18	"	from Henry Neff, West Barre, Pa.,	2,00
	"	per Mr. John Doll, from the missionary society of the Salem's cong., Phila., to constitute their pastor, Rev. G. Wiehle, a life memb.,	30,00
	"	from Rev. J. Fritzinger, Mahoney charge, col. in Colmon's cong. 5,56, St. Paul's 2,79, St. James' 3,51, St. Johns' 5,52, St. Davids' 8,72, Frieden's 6,25, to constitute Rev. J. Fritzinger a life member, as pledged at Synod at Allentown, Pa., in 1858,	32,35
20	"	per Rev. J. Beck, from Sabbath school of his cong , to constitute Rev. J. Beck a life memb.,	30,00
	"	per do., col. at communion, &c., balance to constitute Mrs. Mary C. Pomp a life memb.,	15,00
24	"	per G. W. Hensel, Treasurer of St. Paul's German Ref. ch. at Quarryville, Pa.,	5,00
Jan. 26	"	per Rev. C. H. Leinbach, from Lebanon Union Miss. and Education Soc., Perry co., Pa.,	23,00
	"	from Rev. I. G. Brown, in part redemption of pledge at Classis, communion col. at Mercersburg 7,00, and a donation from a Lady of the Cove congregation, 5,00,	12,00
27	"	from Samuel H. Bibighaus, from church of the Apostles,	50,00
28	"	from Rev. W. G. Hackman, Wentz's 12,58,	
	"	Towamencin 2,42, in part of pledge at Synod in Allentown,	15,00
Feb. 2	"	per Rev. J. V. Eckert, savings of Emeline E., W. K., and F. J. Sourbeer of Conestoga Centre,	1,13
		Carried forward,	$1,209,81

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1869.				
			Amount brought forward,	$1,209,80
Feb.	2	By Cash	per Rev. J. Rebaugh, col. in Clearspring, Md., in part payment of life membership of J. C.,	10,00
		"	per Dr. L. H. Steiner, from Mt. Washington, col. in part of pledge of life membership,	7,35
		"	per H. Wirt, Jr., contribution of Calvin Clay Wirt and Henry Wirt Cremer, Sabbath school scholars, Hanover, York county, Pa.,	2,00
		"	from Rev. I. K. Loos, communion col. in Christ church, of which 30,00 are in redemption of pledge at Synod, to constitute Mr. J. Kern a life member,	46,00
	3	"	per Rev. J. O. Miller, from Sabbath school of 1st German Reformed church, York, Pa., 30,00, from Miss. Concert fund 29,50, savings of a "little boy," 50, to constitute Mrs. Mayer (widow of the late Rev. Lewis Mayer, D. D.,) and Mrs. Wm. Beitzel life members,	60,00
	3	"	per John Rodenmayer, Esq., Sup. of Maryland Classis, from Rev. W. F. Colliflower, Jefferson charge, for the Burkettsville mission, on account of pledge at Synod,	5,00
	9	"	per Rev. F. W. Kremer, from Rev. T. H. Leinbach, col. in Schaefferstown,	8,00
	16	"	per Rev. F. W. Kremer, from Rev A. H. Leinbach, 1st Ger. Ref. ch., Reading, Pa., of which 5,00 are to complete life membership of John F. Moers,	35,00
	19	"	per Thomas Reber, Treasurer of West Susq. Classis, from Aaronsburg charge,	10,00
Mar.	9	"	per Rev. J. Sechler,	30,00
	23	"	per Rev. F. W. Kremer,	5,53
		"	per Rev. D. S. Tobias,	2,50
Apr.	5	"	per Rev. J. S. Dubs, from the Miss Society of the 1st Ger. Ref. church, Allentown, to constitute Mrs. Jemima Steckel a life member,	39,00
	6	"	Rev. D. Gring, Shrewsbury, York county, Pa., col. in his charge,	30,00
		"	Widow's mite, per Rev. H. Harbaugh,	2,50
		"	per Dr. L. H. Steiner, from Mt Washington College, in part payment of pledge for life membership,	11,50
	12	"	from J. Rodenmayer, Sup. of Md. Classis, per Rev. S. H. Giesy, from Salem cong., Hagerstown charge,	7,00
		"	through the Rev. J. H. Derr of the Miss. and Education Society of his cong. at Allentown, to constitute Mrs. Hannah Goranfloh a life member,	30,00
	14	"	from Rev. A. G. Dole, bal. to constitute Wm. H. Frymire a life member,	10,00
	19	"	per Rev F. W. Kremer, from Miss M. Gloninger, Treas. of Female Ben. Soc., Lebanon,	21,25
		"	per do. contribution from Infant department of Ger. Ref. Sab. school. Lebanon, and monthly concert,	42,86
	21	"	from Rev. G. Wolff, col. in St. Johns cong.,	10,00
			Carried over,	$1,626,30

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1859.		Amount brought over,	$1,626,30
Apr. 21	By Cash	from Rev. D. Ziegler, York, col. in charge, 29,00, do. from Mrs. Sarah Dietz 1,00,	30,00
	"	per Rev. A. Schröder (reported in Nov., '58,)	8,00
	"	per Rev. T. Grosshuesch, do. do.	8,62
	"	per Rev. J. F. Busche, (reported in Jan. '59), from cong. 5,00, Parochial school 2,50,	7,50
	"	Rev. T. Grosshuesch (reported in Jan. '59),	8,66
	"	per Rev. A. Tönsmeier, do. do.	18,88
	"	per Rev. W. M. Deatrick, (reported in Feb.), pledge at Classis in part to constitute Mrs. H. P. Deatrick a life member,	10,00
	"	per Rev. W. M. Deatrick, pledge at Classis	
	"	in part to constitute Mr. D. Bulger a life memb.,	2,50
	"	Rev. A. Schröder (reported in Feb.),	1,00
	"	Rev. W. K. Zieber, do. do., travelling expenses collected,	2,50
May 3	"	Rev. L. K. Derr, Tamaqua, col. in charge,	7,00
4	"	Rev. I. Gerhart, from Abbotstown charge, York county, to constitute Rev. E. H. Hoffheins a life member,	30,00
5	"	from Rev. G. Wolff, part of contribution from Paradise church, on the plan of Systematic Benevolence,	10,00
11	"	per Rev. F. W. Kremer, Treasurer of Lebanon Classis, from Rev. A. S. Leinbach, part of col. in 1st church, Reading,	4,00
	"	from Rev. S. Philips, col. in Chambersburg congregation. as pledged at Classis,	30,00
17	"	from a Friend of the cause in Philadelphia	5,00
18	"	from Rev. O. Lohr, Elizabeth city, New Jersey,	2,25
	"	from Rev. W. K. Zieber, col. in West,	15,75
20	"	from Rev. P Vitz, Decatur, Adams co., Ind.,	3,00
25	"	per Rev. J. Hassler, from Mrs. H. Thatcher, 2,50, Mrs. H. Hyle 2,50, Mrs. Anna Rupley 5,00, towards constituting Elder D. Bulger, Superintendent of Sab. school at Martinsburg, Pa., a life member,	10,00
	"	per do. from Elder D. Bulger 2,50, and from Martinsburg charge 5,00, (in addition to 10,00 previously paid) towards constituting Mrs. Anna Rupley a life member,	7,50
	"	per do from F. Hyle, towards constituting D. A. Oelig, leader of the Martinsburg choir, a life member,	2,50
	"	from Rev. Dr. Wolff, per Rev. I. G. Brown, towards constituting Peter Cook a life memb.,	5,00
	"	per Rev. T. G. Apple, Greencastle, towards constituting Mrs. E. M. Apple a life memb.,	15,00
	"	per Rev. C. F. Hoffmeier, col. in Friends Cove, towards constituting Mrs. Hoffmeier a life member,	15,00
	"	per Rev. J. Hassler, from Mr. Joseph Cool, towards constituting Mrs. Hoffmeier a life member,	5,00
		Carried forward,	$1,875,46

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1859.		Amount brought forward,	$1,875,46
May 25	By Cash	per Rev. J. Hassler, from Mr. Joseph Cool, towards constituting Mrs. Apple a life memb.,	5,00
	"	per Rev. I. G. Brown, towards constituting Peter Cook a life member,	13,00
	"	from do., towards constituting Mrs. Hoffmeier a life member,	5,00
	"	from Rev. T. Fouse, to constitute Mrs. Fouse a life member,	30,00
	"	from Rev. S. H. Reid, col. at Mercersburg Classis,	6,57
	"	per Rev. F. W. Kremer, Treasurer of Lebanon Classis, from Rev. I. Miese,	35,00
	"	John Waggoner, Newville, Pa.,	4,00
26	"	from Rev. D. Riegel, col. in his charge,	15,00
	"	from Rev. J. F. Busche, to constitute George M. Breit a life member,	30,00
30	"	per Rev. H. A. Mühlmeier, col. in Immanuel's congregation, Wisconsin, and paid by him to Rev. P. T. Kluge,	10,00
	"	per John Rodenmayer, Sup. of Md. Classis, from Rev. M. L. Shuford, col. in Mt. Moriah charge,	6,00
	"	Rev. L. A. Brunner, col. in Boonsboro' ch., part of pledge at Synod,	10,00
	"	per J. Coblentz, col. in Middletown charge, for a life membership of Rev. G. W. Glessner,	30,00
	"	Rev. S. H. Giesy, from Salem cong., for a life membership for Mr. D. C. Hammond,	45,00
	"	per J. Rodenmayer, Sup. of Md. Classis, from Rev. S. H. Giesy, from Salem cong., for a life memb. of D. Zeller, including 15,00 of the above,	15,00
	"	Rev. J. Rebaugh, col. at Classical meeting at Clearspring, Md.,	10,00
June 1	"	Rev. D. F. Brendle, Bethlehem, Pa.,	6,00
7	"	per Rev. B. Bausman, from Bethlehem congregation,	8,47
10	"	Rev. I. K. Loos, for the use of Rev. H. A. Mühlmeier 4.00, and for Miss. west of Ohio 29,11, all to constitute Mrs. C. A. Loos a life member,	33,11
	"	per Rev. D. S. Tobias, Rebersburg, Pa.,	1,47
16	"	per Rev. S. Kuhn, New Bloomfield, col. in charge 12,00, donation of Dr. Isaac Lefevre 6,00, F. Wahl 2,00,	20,00
17	"	Rev. J. O. Miller, York, to constitute Mrs. Catharine E. Garretson and Miss Sarah Johnson life members,	60,00
18	"	John Wiest, Jr., from Sab. school 1st Ger. Ref. church, Race street, Philadelphia, to constitute Wm. Beecher a life member,	30,00
	"	per Rev. Dr. Bomberger, from 1st Ger. Ref. church, Race street, Phila., in part col. on plan of Systematic Benevolence,	150,00
29	"	per Rev. W. G. Hackman, from Miss Sophia Confer, Bucks county, Pa.,	1,50
		Carried forward,	$2,455,58

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1859.		Amount brought over,	$2,455,58
July 5	By Cash of	Rev. P. Vitz, col. in his missionary station,	4,00
	"	Rev. W. M. Deatrick, col. in his do	12,50
	"	Rev. P. T. Kluge, do do	50
	"	Rev. A. Schröder, do do	2,00
	"	Rev. T. Grosshüsch, do do	3,50
16	"	per Rev. J. Beck, Easton, col. in cong,	35,00
18	"	per Rev. G. Wolff, Tr. of East Susq. Classis, from Rev. H. Hoffman 10,00, Rev. J. B. Pörner 2,50, Rev. A. G. Dole 6,00, part of Classical Anniversary 9,00,	27,50
20	"	per Rev. F. W. Kremer, Tr. of Leb. Classis, from Rev. H Wagner 5,00, Rev J. Gring 12,15, Rev. W. A. Good, col. in Bernville 14,00, Rev. T. H Leinbach, col. at Tulpehocken 13,00, and at Salem's 10,05, John Heilman, Tr. of Missionary Society of Hill church 25,00,	79,20
21	"	per Rev. C. H. Leinbach, Tr. of West Susq. Classis, from Rev. W. R. Yearick, Classical col. 10,67, Rev. H. Wiegand, col. in ch. 9,00, Rev. F. J. Mohr 12,00, and Rev. W. H. Groh 17,00,	48,67
	"	per do. from Lewisburg charge for Sandusky city mission church,	20,00
	"	per Rev. C. H. Leinbach, from Aaronsburg charge, for Sandusky city mission church,	10,00
25	"	from "Anon," Lebanon Valley Rail road,	5,00
27	"	per A. Wotring, Buffalo, Pa. from A Friend,	1,00
	"	from Rev. D. F. Brendle, Bethlehem, Pa.,	11,00
Aug. 2	"	per Rev. F. A. Rupley, from Shippensburg cong. to constitute Joseph Hoch a life memb.,	30,00
	"	Rev. I. K Loos, appropriated by East Penn. to Rev. F. Strassner, Willkesbarre, Pa., and paid to him by Rev. I. K. Loos,	20,00
10	"	reported by Rev. O. Lohr, Elizabeth city, N. J.,	4,50
	"	Rev. P. T. Kluge, Sheboygan, Wisconsin,	12,37
		Rev. J. F. Busche, Few York,	10,00
	"	Rev. A. Schröder, Detroit,	2,00
	"	Rev. J. B. Pörner, Hazleton, Pa.,	16,03
	"	per Rev. F. W. Kremer, Tr. of Leb. Classis, from Rev. T. H. Leinbach, col. at St. James' church 5,50, and from a friend 1,00,	6,50
17	"	Rev. I. K. Loos, col in Oxford cong., N. J., for missions in Wisconsin,	3,50
21	"	per Rev. A. Wanner, from Grindstonehill charge,	10,45
	"	Rev. N. Gehr, from the Juvenile Miss. Soc. of the Ger. Ref. Zions cong., Philadelphia, to constitute Mrs. M. Ehrlen a life memb.,	30,00
	"	Rev. W. K. Zeiber, col. in Lischey's cong., York county, Pa.,	11,28
31	"	Rev. M. A. Smith, harvest col. in Hummelstown ch., Shupp's 9,00, Wenrich's 5,90, Union Deposite 4,00, Hummelstown 3,60, Sandy Hollow 1,50, A Friend 1,00,	25,00
		Carried forward,	$2,897,08

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1859.		Amount brought forward,	$2,897,08
Aug. 21	By Cash	per Rev. C. H. Leinbach, from Rev. W. H. Groh, balance of 30,00 as pledged at last meeting of Synod, to constitute him a L. M.,	13,00
	"	per do. col. in Laurel Run congregation,	2,12
	"	from Rev. A. Wanner, col. in Grindstonehill	
	"	congregation,	3,14
Sept. 1	"	from Rev. J. B. Knipe, Chester Springs,	10,00
	"	from Rev. N. S. Strassburger, Pottstown, Pa.	6,27
	"	per Rev. J. H. Derr, col. et annual meeting	
	"	of East Pennsylvania Classis,	20,80
	"	per do. from Miss. and Ed. Soc. of the Ger. Ref. Zions ch., Allentown, to constitute Rev. J. H. Derr a life member,	30,00
	"	from Rev. D. Bossler, York, Pa.,	15,00
	"	per Rev. H. Harbaugh, from Rev. D. Hertz, col. in charge 21,21, Rev. I. Gerhart, col. in charge 5,81, Manheim cong., col. at meeting of Lancaster Classis 12,26,	39,28
	"	Rev. H. Harbaugh's congregation, Lancaster, Pa, including 5,00 from "A Friend," and two quarters systematic contributions from a member of his church,	16,80
	"	Rev. J. S. Dubs, balance of pledge at Synod —Allentown 16,58, Egypt 15,24, Union 13,02, Jordan 10,42 Cedar 5,46, Morganhead 7,29, "A Friend" 3,49, making	71,00
	"	Rev. D. Hefelfinger, collection in charge,	4,57
6	"	per Rev. F. W. Kremer, from Rev. J. E. Heister,	19,75
	"	from Rev. D. F. Brendle, Bethlehem, Pa., of which 10 are for Rev. J. B. Kneist's cong., Sandusky city, Ohio,	21,00
12	"	J. Rodenmayer, Sup. of Md. Classis, per Rev. W. E. Krebs, from Emmittsburg cong. 20,91, from Millerstown congregation 4,70.	25,61
21	"	from Rev. D. Weiser, col. in Goshenhoppen and Swamp congregations 55, and W. R. 5,	60,00
	"	Rev. Daniel Zeigler, York, Pa., col. in ch.,	30,00
	"	Rev. P. S. Fisher, in redemption of pledge at Synod in Frederick, Md., to constitute Rev. John A. Strassburger a life member,	32,00
22	"	from Rev. E. W. Reinecke, Nazareth, Pa., col. at Harvest sermons, Plainfield, Northampton county 10,40, Union 4,78,	15,18
28	"	from Rev. N. E. Gilds, col. in St. Clairsville 12,-60, Claysburg 4,75, and in Mt. Hope 2,75, in part to constitute him a life member,	20,00
	"	from Rev. J. Ziegler, col. in Arendtsville 14,19, Bender's 9,67, Bermudian 4,26, Bendersville 3,07,	31,19
	"	per Rev. C. H. Leinbach, Treas. of West Susq. Classis, from Rev. J. C. Bucher, Harvest col. in Mifflinburg charge,	7,00
	"	from Rev. C. H. Leinbach, Harvest col. in Driesbach congregation,	10,40
	"	per Rev. F. W. Kremer, from Rev. J. D. Zehring, for English miss. ch., *Cincinnati*,	20,00
		Carried over,	$3,420,99

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1859.		Amount brought over,	$3,420,99
Sept. 29	By Cash	from Rev. W. T. Gerhard, col. in his congregations, viz: Petersburg 4,37, Brickersville 3,35, New Haven 3,17, and White Oak 2,61,	14,00
Oct. 4	"	per Rev. C. H. Leinbach, Treas. of West Susq. Classis, from Jacksonville cong., Centre county, Pa., in part of pledge given at meeting of West Susq. Classis, to constitute Rev. W. R. Yearick a life member,	10,00
5	"	from Rev. I. K. Loos, col. in his charge for Missions in the West,	6,00
6	"	from Rev. Samuel Hess, Hellerstown, Pa.,	15,00
11	"	per John Weist, Treas. of 1st Ger. Ref. ch., Race st., Phil'a., addit'l. on Sys. Benev. plan,	100,00
12	"	from Rev. S. G. Wagner, Böhm's ch., Montgomery county, Pa.,	19,50
	"	from Rev. D. Rothrock, Harvestcol., Durham 7,52, Nockamixon 5,35, Tinicum 4,91, Red Hill 3,02, and Williams 2,44.	23,24,
		from "A Friend" in Harrisburg, Pa., to constitute G. Z. Kunkel a life member,	30,00
19	"	per Rev. A. J. G. Dubs, Treas. of Goshenhoppen Classis, col. in his own ch., 30,21, and col. at regular meeting of Classis at Reigelsville 23,14,	53,35
	"	from Rev. N. E. Gilds, Harvest col. in Mt. Zion 6,00, and Greenfield cong. 4,00,	10,00
	"	from Carlisle Sab. school, to constitute Mr. Samuel Wetzel a life member,	30,00
	"	from Rev. A. L. Dechant, col. in Keeler's ch. 23,05, Sumneytown 17,12, Boyerstown 17,00, Hubers 8,87, to constitute himself a life mem.,	66,04
	"	per Rev. Dr. Bomberger from 1st Ger. Ref. church, Race street, the balance of col on plan of Systematic Benevolence (total $273,-15,) the Board to pay bal. due by that ch. to Pittsburg church,	28,15
	"	per John Rodenmayer, Sup. of Md. Classis, from Rev. J. G. Fritchey, Taneytown,	15,00
	"	per do. from do. for Hagerstown mission,	15,00
	"	per do. from Boonsboro' for do. do.	20,00
	"	per do. from Manchester for do. do.	9,00
	"	per Rev. D. Y. Heisler, for Wilkesbarre ch.,	
	"	harvest sermons in Bath 12,88, Hecktown 14,76, Bethlehem 10,44, D. Y. H. bal. 1,92,	40,00
	"	Rev. J. Rebaugh, col in St. Paul's congregation, Washington county, Maryland,	13,00
	"	Rev. D. Willers, Fayette, Seneca co., N. Y.	4,21
20	"	Ger. Ref. church, Harrisburg, monthly concert, col. for one life membership,	36,68
	"	Rev. J. O. Miller. York, Pa., to constitute Miss E. Forney and Mrs. Sarah Stuck life members,	60,00
	"	Rev. G. Wolff, Tr. of E. Susq. Classis, from Rev. J. Fritzinger's ch., St. Peters 6,13, St. Johns 4,22, St. James 4,28, Friedens 6,00, Pauls 2,27, Coleman's 3,10,	26,00
		Carried forward,	$4,060,16

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1858.		Amount brought forward,	$4,060,16
Oct.	20	By Cash per Rev. George Wolff, from Rev. D. W. Wolff,	
		" Danville ch. 5, Paradise ch. 5, Rev. I. Shellhammer 1,73, Rev. H. Hoffman 2,66,	14,39
		" of Rev. J. H. Derr, Allentown, Pa., an additional life memb. in addition to pledges at Synod,	30,00
		" C. E. G.,	10,00
			$4,114,55

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1858.			
Oct.	21	To balance due Treasurer,	$25,15
		To cash paid Rev. W. K. Zieber, travelling expenses,	49,08
Nov.	4	do do do A. Tönsmeier,	75,00
	12	do do do S. Mease, Cincinnati, Ohio,	75,00
		do do do T. Grosshuesch, Rochester, N. Y.,	37,50
		do do do D. Hefelfinger, Newville, Pa.,	18,75
		do do do P. Vitz, Decatur, Indiana,	25,00
		do do do G. E. Gramm, Baltimore,	37,50
		do do do J. F. Busche, New YorK city,	50,00
		do do do M. G. I. Stern, Indianapolis,	25,00
		do do do E. W. Reinecke, Nazareth, Pa.,	18,75
		do do do G. B. Russell, Pittsburg, Pa.,	50,00
		do do do W. K. Zieber, Tiffin, Ohio,	50,00
		do do do D. Feete, Woodstock, Va.,	30,00
		do do do M. Kieffer & Co.,	23,09
		do do do I. Gerhart, Supt's. outfit, miss. tracts, &c.	121,02
	15	do do by Rev. John Rodenmayer, Sup. of Md. Classis, to the Rev. W. F. Colliflower, for the use of Rev. M. A. Stewart, missionary of said Classis,	60,00
		do do Rev. A. H. Mühlmeier,	37,50
	20	do do do H. Hoffman,	15,00
Dec.	11	do do do C. Cast,	33,03
	15	do do do W. K. Zieber,	50,00
	18	do do de H. Hoffman,	10,00
1859			
Jan.	9	do do do C. Cast,	18,18
	12	do do do interest on note ($300) in Harb'g. bank,	4,70
	25	do do do H. Eschmeier,	50,00
		do do do W. K. Zieber, travelling expenses,	39,00
		do do do A. Schröder,	75,00
		do do do T. Grosshuesch,	37,50
		do do do W. M. Deatrick,	12,50
		do do do J. Dahlman,	22,06
Feb.	8	do do do M. A. Stewart,	5,00
	10	do do do G. B. Russell,	50,00
Mc'h	17	do do do W. K. Zieber,	100,00
		do do do do do travelling exp. col.	2,50
Apr.	12	do do do C. Cast,	7,00
	15	do do do interest on note ($300) in Harb'g bank,	4,70
		do do do F. Strassner,	30,00
May	4	do do do M. G. I. Stern,	25,00
		do do do D. Hefelfinger, Newville, Pa.,	18,75
		do do do T. Grosshuesch, Rochester, N. Y.,	50,00
		do do do S. Mease, Cincinnati, Ohio,	75,00
		Carried over,	$1,543,18

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1859		Amount brought over,	$1,543 18
May 4	To cash paid	Rev. G. E. Gramm,	37,50
	do do do	J. F. Busche, N. Y.,	37,50
	do do do	J. B. Pörner, Hazleton, Pa.,	15,00
	do do do	P. T. Kluge, Wisconsin,	37,50
	do do do	H. Hoffman,	10,00
	do do do	M. A. Stewart	35,00
	do do do	C. Cast,	81,00
	do do do	W. M. Deatrick,	12,50
June 17	do do do	W. K. Zieber sal. 100, trav. exp. 35,25,	135,25
25	do do do	I. Gerhart,	12,93
	do do do	A. Schröder,	75,00
	do do do	J. Kuelling, Frederick city,	37,50
	do do do	O Lohr,	37,50
	do do do	J. B. Pörner,	44,00
	do do do	P. Vitz,	20,00
	do do do	A. S. Vaughan,	50.00
	do do do	J. B. Kniest,	25,00
	do do do	H. Esehmeier,	25,00
	do do do	Dr. Zacharias,	7,31
	do do do	G. B. Russell,	50,00
	do do do	J. F. Busche,	37,50
July 16	do do do	inter. on renewal of note in Harb'g bank,	4,70
18	do do do	H. Hoffman,	27,50
21	do do do	by Lewisburg ch. to Rev. J. B. Kneist,	20,00
	do do do	by Aaronsburg ch. to do do	10,00
	do do do	H Eschmeier Toledo, Ohio.	25,00
	do do do	P. Vitz, Decatur, Indiana,	20,00
	do do do	W. M. Deatrick,	12,50
	do do do	P. T. Kluge, Sheboygan,	37.50
	do do do	D. Hefelfinger,	1875
	do do do	A. Schröder,	75.00
	do do do	M. G. I. Stern,	25,00
	do do do	D. Hefelfinger,	18,75
	do do do	J. B. Kniest,	50,00
	do do do	P. Vitz,	20,00
	do do do	C. Cast, paid by Maryland Classis.	25,61
	do do do	F. Strassner, paid by E. Pa. Classis,	70,80
	do do do	M. Kieffer & Co. printing tracts.	52,00
	do do do	J. F. Busche,	37.50
	do do do	O. Lohr, Elizabeth city, N. J.,	37,50
	dd do do	G. E. Gramm, Baltimore,	75.00
	do do do	W. K. Zieber,	101,75
	do do do	G. B. Russell,	50,00
	do do do	J. B. Pörner,	15.00
	do do do	I. Gerhart nterst on borrowed money.	12.00
	do do do	A. S Vaughan,	100,00
Oct. 13	do do do	to Hagerstown miss. from Md. Classis,	44,00
	do do do	to Wilkesbarre ch. per Rev. J. Beck,	40,00
	do do do	Note in Harrisburg bank,	300,00
	do do do	Postage, &c.,	4,20
20	do do do	H. Hoffman, by E. Susq. Classis,	40,39
	de do do	F. Strassner,	30,00
	do do do	S. Mease, Cincinnati, Ohio,	75,00
	do do do	J. Klingler,	50,00
		Balance in the Treasury,	222,94
			$4,114,55

We, the undersigned, have examined the account of the Treasurer of the Board of Domestic Missions and compared it with the vouchers, and find it correct.

D. WILLERS,
A. G. DOLE.

The following report was received from the Board of Foreign Missions, and referred to the Committee on Missions:

The Board of Foreign Missions beg leave to present to Synod their twenty-first Annual Report:

It is now twenty-one years since our Board of Foreign Missions was organized. It was instituted at the meeting of Synod held in Lancaster, in the fall of 1838. A correspondence was sought and obtained with the American Board of Foreign Missions, located at Boston, which has continued to the present time. That Board has appropriated our funds, according to our direction. For the first several years our money was not given to the support of any particular station, but in course of time, when Mr. Schneider became a member of our Church and of our Synod, it passed to the support of the Broosa Mission, of which he had the charge. When our brother was transferred from Broosa to Aintab, some ten years ago, it was directed that our funds should hereafter be appropriated to the latter Mission. Since our Society has been in operation, it has received and disbursed about $20,000.

The Mission at Aintab, Syria, has been eminently successful. No other Mission, perhaps, has been more prosperous, or is, at the present time, in a more interesting and flourishing condition. To the Head of the Church we should not fail to render our true heart-felt gratitude, for blessing our comparatively small means to the accomplishment of so much good.

In a letter just received from our missionary, Dr. Schneider, he speaks of the present state of things, in and around Aintab, in a way that is, more than ever, cheering and encouraging. The difficulties which had occurred, both in the Church and community, during his visit to this country, have passed away; peace and harmony prevail, and there is an increased attention to spiritual and eternal interests. A few extracts from the letter may serve to show the present prosperous state of the Mission. The Dr. writes:

"On my return from America, the audience was about 800; probably, its average was less than that. But since spring, the number has risen to about 1000, and this we now consider our average Sabbath congregation. This is an increase of about 200 in the space of nine months. Though the growth of this congregation has been rapid from the very commencement of this work, I know *not that it has* ever been equally

rapid at any former period. One of the apparent causes of this growth, were some public discussions with the Armenians held last spring. They were conducted in the evening, and lasted till after midnight,—to 2 and 3 o'clock in the morning, and were attended by companies of 100, 200, and 300 spectators. The liveliest interest was manifested in their progress, both by the Armenians and Protestants. Many, who had hitherto remained strongly attached to the errors of the Armenian Church, were there convinced of them and began to manifest a leaning towards the truth, and immediately after these discussions, our congregation received large accessions. The blessing of the Lord rested upon them. It is a most interesting sight to behold so many listening to the truth.

"The Sabbath school also has received large accessions during these nine months. It formerly numbered about 150, chiefly small children. But efforts were made to introduce adults of both sexes, and those more advanced, and even aged males and females, and also infants By the addition of these classes, and different ages, the school gradually rose to 500, and 600, and finally to 1000. There are about 300 in the infant class, which meets in three different rooms; in the adult classes of males, of which there are about 35, there are on an average 300, and in the classes for the aged men and elderly females, there are 150, and in the classes for young females and girls, there are nearly 150, making in all an average of about 1000. They are taught by teachers who are regularly instructed every week in the subject of the lessons by my associate and myself, and thus they are prepared to come before their classes, It is one of the most interesting sights to be witnessed in Aintab, to see so large a number of all ages and sizes, from the infant down to grand parent and great-grand parent, engaged in the study of the Word of God. Could you behold the scene with your own eyes, I am sure your heart would be deeply affected. Two missionary ladies, from a neighboring station, on a recent visit, when they heard the children sing, 'There is a happy land' and 'I want to be an angel,' in Turkish, burst into tears at the sight. Where was this great multitude only twelve years ago? Not one of them on the side of truth, but all enveloped in the darkness of error and superstition. What hath God wrought!"

After speaking of the establishment of a female boarding school, under very encouraging circumstances, the main object of which is to raise the standard of female education, and thus "to exert a most happy influence on the female portion of the community," our missionary writes:

"My Theological Lectures have continued, with slight interruptions, during these nine months. They are attended by eight or ten individuals regularly, and a few others irregularly. About half of these will, we hope, become pastors, and

the remainder will be helpers as Colporteurs and Teachers. When this class shall have completed their course, another class, now pursuing their preparatory studies in our High School, will take their place. The native churches and communities, springing up all around, must have pastors and teachers, and these we are thus endeavoring to raise up. My associate assists me in this work, as far as his knowledge of the language permits.

"Our out-stations, at present, are four, viz: Orool, Biredgik, Ehnesh and Besuch. Most of our former out-stations have grown into independent stations, as Diarbeker, Marash, Oorfa and Antioch; or have become, for convenience sake, connected with these stations, as Killis, Kessab, Adand and Tarsus. But though all these are now independent of Aintab, they have all sprung directly from the influence which emanated from it; and even now a large part of the native helpers employed in these places, came from here The work in the first four named points, is comparatively new, but is steadily progressing, small additions being made to the communities from time to time.

"Our common schools have increased, and with this increase the number of pupils attending them has also become larger. The whole rising generation in our large community is being educated, both male and female. Formerly none of the females, and but few of the males, could read. Our High School, taught by a member of our Church, is in a prosperous condition, and is rendering important aid in raising up a native agency.

"All the children of the church-members are baptized. None of the parents are disposed to neglect this important duty."

Thus we see, from these interesting extracts, that not only has progress been made, but the present aspect of things is exceedingly bright and cheering. We have abundant reason to be encouraged and to abound in prayer, that the Lord may pour out His Spirit and prosper His work still more abundantly.

The Treasurer's statement, appended to this report, shows what sums have been received and disbursed the last year.

The Board deeply regrets, that, whilst the Master has greatly blest our means and prospered our work, there has been a large falling off in the receipts for the Aintab Mission. This ought not so to be. Shall the Lord open to us doors of great usefulness in the land where Apostles once labored, and crown our poor efforts with the most encouraging success, without finding in us a disposition to sustain His cause, when we are abundantly able to do it? We ought to reproach ourselves and repent before Him, for having failed to perform our duty, and for the future we should be stirred up to contribute to an extent more commensurate with our large and still increasing substance.

ELIAS HEINER,
President of the Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Board of Foreign Missions of the German Reformed Church, in account with ELIAS HEINER, *Treasurer.*

1858		CR.	
Oct.	25	By balance in the Treasury,	$200,25
	27	Rev. Dr. Zacharias. Frederick, Md., per J. R., Sup. Maryland Classis,	17,50
Nov.	9	Third Mission church, (German), Cincinnati, Rev. C. Saure, pastor,	14,00
	10	Rev. Mr. Weigand's charge, per T. R., Sup. West Susquehanna Classis,	10,00
Dec.	10	Rev. Mr. Shenkle, Trappe congregation,	10,00
	18	Rev. Mr. Sorber, Brownsback ch., Chester co., Pa.,	10,00
1859			
Jan.	4	Rev. A. Tönsmeier, Louisville, Ky.	16,00
	6	St. Pauls German Reformed church, Lancaster, Pa., per C. G., Sup. Lebanon Classis,	20,00
	8	Rev. Mr. Beck, Easton, Pa., from German Reformed Sabbath school,	50,00
May	18	St. Pauls German Reformed church, Lancaster, Pa, per C. G., Sup. Lebanon Classis,	10,00
	25	J. Rodenmayer, Sup. Md. Classis, from Rev. Mr. Colliflower, Jefferson charge,	5,22
		From J. Coblentz, Middletown, Md.,	10,00
		From Rev. M. L. Shuford, Mt. Moriah charge,	2,32
June	20	Rev. J. C. Klar, Stoutsville, Fairfield county, Ohio,	10,00
	21	Rev. J. Sechler, Hanover congregation,	33,75
July	14	Per Rev. Dr S. R. F., from Rev. M. A. Smith,	5,00
		Rev. J. W. Steinmetz,	5,00
		Rev. C. H. Leinbach,	20,00
		Rev. D. S. Tobias,	2,50
		Rev. F. W. Kremer, Lebanon,	71,65
		Rev. S. Miller,	3,00
		Rev. L. K. Derr.	6,00
		John Wagoner,	2,00
		A Friend,	5,00
		Rev. I. Miese,	5,00
July	16	Rev. W. Meyer, Tonawanda, Erie county, N. Y.	6,60
Aug.	15	A friend to the cause in Harrisburg, per D. W. G.,	20,00
	20	Rev. Mr. Wiegand, additional,	8,00
		Rev. Mr. Mohr,	9,00
		Rev. W. H. Groh,	5,58
Sept.	24	Rev. J. B. Knipe, from his charge, Chester co., Pa.,	10,00
Oct.	3	Rev. Samuel Hess, Hellertown, Pa.,	11,00
		Rev. D. Willers, Fayette, Seneca county, New York,	12,00
	21	Rev. A. L. Herman,	30,00
		Rev. A. S. Leinbach, Reading,	25,00
		Rev. J. Pentz,	4,00
		Rev. J. E. Hiester,	4,00
		Rev. J. D. Zehring,	20,00
		Rev. D. Weiser,	10,00
		Rev. J. O. Miller, York, Pa.,	30,00
		Jacob Bernheisel, Executor of Elizabeth Stambach, deceased, legacy,	31,67
		Rev. Dr. Bomberger, Race street church, Philadel'a.,	21,65
		Carried forward,	$802,70

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1859.	Amount brought forward,	$802,70
Oct. 21	Rev. Mr. Demund, 2nd German Reformed church, Lancaster, Pa., additional,	10,00
	Rev. Dr. Heiner, 2nd st. church and Sab. school, Balt.,	50,00
	Rev. Mr. Derr, collection in his Sabbath school, Allentown, Pa ,	20,00
	D. W. Gross, Esq., from G. R. cong., Harrisburg, Pa.,	31,86
		$914,56

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1859.		
July 20	To cash paid J. M. Gordon, Esq., Treasurer of A. B. C. F. M., at Boston, for the support of the Aintab Mission, Syria,	550,00
	Postage and discount,	2,50
	Balance in Treasury, Oct. 21, 1859.	362,06
		$914,56

This certifies that the undersigned, a committee appointed by the Board of Foreign Missions, to examine the accounts of its Treasurer, have attended to the duty assigned them, and find all correct. The disbursements are supported by proper vouchers. The sum now in the hands of the Treasurer is $362,06.

J. S. FOULK,
G. S. GRIFFITH.

Harrisburg, Oct. 21, 1859.

The Committee on Missions, to whom the foregoing reports were referred, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Missions, respectfully report as follows:

Domestic Missions.

As the annual report of the Board of Domestic Missions will be published, and thus the Church be furnished with the details of the operations of the Board, it is our province to furnish only a general outline of the Missionary work during the past year.

The past year, we are happy to say, was a year of more than ordinary prosperity and success, in our Missionary operations. The previous year, there were under the care of the Board sixteen Missionaries, and during the year just closed, there were twenty-one. The income of the Board exceeded that of the previous year, $503,03. Two Missions, one at Indianapolis, Ind., and the other at Yellow Creek, Bedford County, Pa., have become self-sustaining.

The blessing of the *Head of the Church* has evidently attended

the labors of our Missionaries. New congregations have been organized, and a goodly number were admitted to the fold of Christ. The Church, both in her ministry and membership, is awaking more and more to the importance of this blessed work of feeding the famishing with the bread of life. The Macedonian cry, "come over and help us," is being more generally regarded,—the heart of the Church is beginning to cherish a warmer love, and a more tender sympathy for her scattered and neglected children, and as a consequence gifts flow more liberally and freely into the treasury of the Lord.

There is, however, still much land to be possessed. Thousands of our brethren are scattered like sheep without a shepherd, having no one to conduct them into "green pastures," and lead them by the "still waters." Many of our people need yet to be instructed, and convinced of their duty towards these, their perishing brethren.

We bring to the notice of Synod, that the Rev. W. K. Zieber has resigned his agency as General Superintendent of Missions. This event the Board regrets, in view of his efficient and highly satisfactory services, whilst his reasons for retiring are fully appreciated.

For the present, the Board do not deem it advisable to appoint a Superintendent in the place of brother Zieber, but will commit his work as far as it can be performed to pastors and missionaries.

In view of the evident success which has attended the labors of the Board, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That with humble gratitude we acknowledge the goodness and mercy of the Great Head of the Church in crowning with His blessing our unworthy labors, and that we renewedly consecrate ourselves and the Church we represent in the spirit of faith to His blessed work.

Also

Resolved, That the cause of Domestic missions be again earnestly commended to the prayers and hearty support of our ministers and people.

Foreign Missions.

We learn from the report of the Board of Foreign Missions, that they have prosecuted their work with their customary diligence and fidelity. Our beloved Missionary, the Rev. Dr. Schneider, returned to his station in Aintab, Syria, about a year ago. His people received him and his wife, with much joy and gratitude to God. The Aintab Mission is in a very prosperous condition, and in this view must command the confidence of the Church. The gifts of the Church devoted to this mission are not bestowed in vain—under the divine blessing, they are made to yield a large increase.

In regard to this mission we recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Aintab Mission be earnestly commended to the sympathy and liberal support of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. KREMER, *Chairman.*

The following resolutions were offered, and after considerable discussion, referred to the Board of Foreign Missions:

Whereas, this Synod acknowledges with devout gratitude the divine blessing attending its efforts in the establishment of our Foreign Missionary enterprize in Asia Minor; and,

Whereas, this Synod rejoices in the privilege of having been instrumental, by God's grace, to help it on to its present prosperity and now wishes more ardently to further this cherished object, therefore

Resolved, That, in order to obtain the object in view, it has become desirable that the Mission at Aintab and affiliated points be transferred to the entire jurisdiction and control of this Synod.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod are due to our Missionary, the Rev. Dr. Schneider, for his self-denying labors, and that the Mission be heartily recommended to the fostering care and liberality of the churches, so that it may become more efficient and prosperous.

Resolved, That this subject be referred to the favorable consideration of our Board of Foreign Missions, for their early action.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the attention of the Board of Domestic Missions be called to the fact, that there are only four English missions out of twenty one, and that they be directed to establish English missions wherever it is practicable.

The Classis of New York, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, asked the aid of Synod in behalf of the newly organized congregation in Rahway, New Jersey, which labors under pecuniary difficulty. It was

Resolved, That this request be commended to the favorable attention of the Board of Domestic Missions.

II. ELECTION OF THE BOARDS OF MISSIONS.

The following persons were *chosen* members of the Boards of Missions *for the current year:*

BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

From the Classis of East Pennsylvania—Rev. Joseph S. Dubs and John Beck.

" " *Lebanon*—Rev. Franklin W. Kremer and Thomas H. Leinbach.

" " *Zion*—Rev. Amos H. Kremer and Jacob O. Miller.

" " *Maryland*—Rev. Samuel H. Giesy and John S. Foulk.

" " *North Carolina*—Rev. Jeremiah Ingold and Thornton Butler.

" " *Philadelphia*—Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, D. D., and Nicholas Gehr.

Virginia—Rev. George H. Martin and Daniel Feete.

" " *Mercersburg*—Rev. John Rebaugh and Thomas G. Apple.

" " *Goshenhoppen*—Rev. Daniel Weiser and Samuel Hess.

" " *New York*—Rev. John F. Busche and Diedrich Willers.

" " *Lancaster*—Rev. Isaac Gerhart and Daniel Gans.

" " *East Susquehanna*—Rev. George Wolff and Albert G. Dole.

" " *West Susquehanna*—Rev. Samuel Gutelius and Charles H. Leinbach.

" " *Clarion*—Rev. David B. Ernst and Lewis D. Leberman.

From the Church in General—Rev. Henry Harbaugh, Theodore Appel, Emanuel V. Gerhart, Isaac S. Demund, and Messrs. Daniel W. Gross, George H. Bomberger, and Christian Gast.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

OFFICERS.—Rev. Elias Heiner, D. D., *President and Treasurer;* Rev. Daniel Ziegler, *Recording Secretary;* Rev. Bernard C. Wolff, D. D., *Corresponding Secretary.*

Additional Members.—Rev. Diedrich Willers, Daniel Zacharias, D. D., William F. Colliflower, John S. Foulk, and Messrs. John Rodenmayer, John Keafauver, Joseph K. Milnor, Christian Steiner, and Goldsboro S. Griffith.

III. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RELATING TO MISSIONS.

The anniversary of the Board of Domestic Missions was held on the evening of the fifth day of the sessions. The exercises were opened with singing and prayer by the Rev. Isaac. S. Demund. An address was delivered in the German language

by the Rev. Diedrich Willers, and another in the English language by the Rev. Franklin W. Kremer. These were followed by an address on the general subject of Missions by the Rev. Thomas G. Apple. At the close of the exercises a collection was taken up, and pledges received on behalf of Missions.

ARTICLE XV.

Finance.

The following report was received from the Treasurer of Synod, and referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States:

The annexed account will show the amount of receipts and expenditures for the past year.

The aggregate amount received, including the annual interest accruing from the Kieffer legacy, amounts to $1,668,53, of which there has been expended $1,382,54, leaving a balance in the Treasury of $285,99. The interest semi-annually falling due has been regularly paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary. No interest has been received on the legacy left by Peter Cook, deceased. The executor proposes paying interest on the same from the 1st of April, 1858, and that on the 1st of April, 1860, he will pay the amount of interest due.

There remains a balance due by the different Classes on the Apportionment fund, necessary to defray the contingent expenses of Synod, amounting to $428,31, which will more fully appear from the annexed statement.

The increased expenses of Syod in the publication of the Synodical Minutes alone will render it important, that these balances should be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM HEYSER, *Treasurer.*

The Synod of the German Reformed Church in account with WILLIAM HEYSER, *Treasurer.*

1858			CR.	
			By balance in Treasury at last settlement,	$533,84
Nov.	10		balance of collection at Synod,	5,35
			Cash received of Clarion Classis,	30,00
1859				
Feb.	2	do	Goshenhoppen Classis,	40,00
Mar.	14	do	East Susquehanna do	10,00
	23	do	West do do	6,00
Apr.	6	do	Six months interest, Kieffer legacy,	285,00
	27	do	East Susquehanna Classis,	4,00
			Carried over,	$914,19

1859.				CR.	
			Amount brought over,		$914,19
May	11	Cash received of	Lebanon	Classis,	6,09
	22	do	Mercersburg	do	60,00
		do	Lebanon	do	38,00
July	20	do	do	do	5,00
	27	do	East Susquehanna	do	31,50
	28	do	West do	do	35,00
Aug.	10	do	Zions	do	50,00
Sept.	28	do	New York	do	20,00
		do	Maryland	do	50,00
		do	West Susquehanna	do	9,00
Oct.	6	do	Six months interest, Kieffer legacy,		285,00
	12	do	Philadelphia Classis,		80,74
		do	Lancaster do		43,00
		do	Goshenhoppen do		42,35
		do	Minutes sold,		75
					$1,668,58

1858			DR.	
Nov.	27	To cash paid	Rev. D. Gans expenses to Ohio Synod,	25,00
Dec.	1	do	Rev. D. Zacharias do N. C.,	40,00
1859				
Feb.	28	do	M. Kieffer & Co., 3,000 copies Eng. Minutes,	360,00
		do	do do 2,000 do Ger. do	275,00
		do	do do postage,	54
Apr.	6	do	Geo. Besore, Treas. Sem'y, Kieffer interest,	285,00
Oct.	6	do	do do do do	285,00
Oct.	1	do	R. F. Kelker, for act of incorporation,	12,00
	14	do	S. R Fisher, Stated Clerk,	75,00
		do	J. H. Derr translating Minutes,	25,00
			Balance in Treasury,	285,99
				$1,668,58

Amounts due by the several Classes per assessment in aid of the Contingent Fund of Synod :

East Pennsylvania Classis,		1858	$60,00
West Susquehanna	do	do	1,00
East do	do	do	13,70
Zions	do	1857 and 1858	57.00
Maryland	do	1858	8,00
Philadelphia	do	1848 to 1858	94,98
Virginia	do	1858	20,00
Goshenhoppen	do	1852 to 1858	69,65
New York	do	1856 to 1858	28,00
Clarion	do	1858	30,00
North Carolina	do	1852 to 1853	46,00
			$428,31

The Committee on Finance, to whom the above report was referred, submitted their report, which was received and adopted :

The Committee on Finance would respectfully beg leave to report :

That the only document placed in their hands was the report of the Treasurer of Synod. From it, with the accompanying vouchers, the committee ascertain that $1,668,53 were received and $1,382,54 disbursed during the year—leaving $285,-99 in the Treasury.

The apportionments heretofore made by Synod, for the replenishment of its Treasury with funds adequate to the carrying forward of its business, have not been fully met by all the Classes. There is still due from a number of them balances and full sums, in some instances, which amount in the aggregate to the sum of $428,31. The committee regrets exceedingly the existence of this fact. It is disrespectful to Synod and unjust to those Classes that are punctual in meeting the demands of Synod. Besides, the operations of Synod, in its finances, may be seriously embarrassed, should this state of things be allowed to continue.

The committee has no data upon which to base the probable expenses of Synod for the coming year, but presuming that they will be the same as during the past, the following apportionment would be submitted, as proper to be made to supply the wants of the Treasury the coming year. Along with the sum apportioned for the present year, are stated the amounts due from the several Classes in arrears, as per the Treasurer's statement.

		New.	*Old.*	*Total.*
East Penn'a.	Classis,	$60,00	$60,00	$120,00
West Susqueh'a.	"	30,00	1,00	31,00
East "	"	30,00	13,70	43,70
Lebanon	"	50,00		50,00
Lancaster	"	45,00		45,00
Zions	"	55,00	57,00	112,00
Maryland	"	60,00	8,00	68,00
Philadelphia	"	40,00	94,96	134,96
Virginia	"	20,00	20,00	40,00
Mercersburg	"	60,00		60,00
Goshenhoppen	"	40,00	69,55	109,65
New York	"	20,00	28,00	48,00
Clarion	"	30,00	30,00	60,00
North Carolina	"		46,00	46;00

The committee would recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the several Classes be enjoined to make provision at their next annual meeting, for the immediate payment of the assessment now made for the benefit of the Synodical Treasury;—and further, that those in arrears on apportionments heretofore made, be required to liquidate the same without any further delay.

The committee would further *state that* should Synod ex-

pend as much on the publication of the Minutes of this, as on the last year, the Treasury will be left in debt.

Respectfully submitted

F. A. RUPLEY.

A communication was received from the Rev. Bernard C. Wolff, D. D., in relation to the payment of balances still due of monies borrowed for the $17,000, Fund, and referred to the Financial Committee of Synod.

The Financial Committee of Synod submitted the following report, which was adopted :

The Financial Committee beg leave respectfully to report :

That since the last full statement of their account presented to Synod, as found in the Minutes of this body for 1856, the following sums have been received on the $17,000 fund by your committee's Treasurer. From

Maryland Classis,	$ 98,95
Goshenhoppen "	822,76
Mercersburg "	15,00
East Penn'a. "	600,00
Susquehanna "	10,00
	$1,216,71

There would, accordingly, be still due upon the original assessments, from

East Pennsylvania Classis,	$850,25
Goshenhoppen "	379,79
Philadelphia "	471,85
Mercersburg "	104,65
	$1,806,54

And this amount is exclusive of interest, which should properly be charged upon all amounts not paid at the time of the last settlement of the committee. In reference to the collection of these arrears, your committee, with some humiliation, confess their resources of persuasion, entreaty and reproof utterly exhausted. Reiterated appeals have been made to the several delinquent Classes, with comparatively little effect. In some cases we can explain this apparent dereliction of duty. Since the enterprise was started in 1852–3, and the first assessments were made, many pastors, who then labored diligently to raise the amounts laid upon their respective congregations, have changed pastoral fields, and find it extremely difficult, in their new field of labor, to make up for the neglect of their predecessors. This we know to be especially the case in the Philadelphia Classis. Then again in many of the Classes, several congregations and pastoral charges, have raised their full

amounts, and the Classes to which they belong, are delinquent through the remissness of other charges and their pastors.

And yet we feel pursuaded, that, if delinquent pastors and congregations could be brought to realize their moral responsibility in this matter, and to consider the great advantages accruing to the Church at large—and thus to each individual congregation—from this entire movement, there would be little difficulty in collecting the balance still due.

At the same time, we confess ourselves unable to devise or apply any plan for reaching the case, different from the method hitherto adopted, which seems to have proven inadequate.

We, therefore, earnestly request Synod either to release us from this onerous and unpleasant work, or to give us such directions, as, if properly attended to, may enable us at once to effect the final settlement of this lingering and vexatious account.

If Synod cannot do this, we must beg that immediate provision be made to liquidate the most pressing claims, amounting to $621,50, due to several members of the committee, and obtained, in part, by them, by notes discounted in Banks, which are unwilling to grant any longer indulgence. In the event of the adoption of this last method, we would recommend that the Treasurer of Synod be authorized to borrow the sum named on the credit of Synod, and pass it over without delay to your committee's treasurer, Geo. Z. Kunkel, Esq.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. A. BOMBERGER, *Chairman.*

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Financial Committee be directed to pay over to the Treasurer of Synod so much of what may be received on the $17,000 fund, as may be necessary to refund the sum borrowed by said Treasurer, in accordance with the recomendation of the preceding report.

Resolved, That the present delegates to Synod from the Classes delinquent on the $17,000 fund, be appointed special committees to urge their respective Classes, to pay over to the Financial Committee the amounts of their delinquencies, and to co-operate with Synod's Financial Committee in carrying out the object of their appointment.

A collection was taken up for defraying the expenses of the present meeting, amounting to $16,18 and paid over to the sexton of the Church, in which the sessions of Synod were held.

ARTICLE XVI.

Appeals and References.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported as an irregularity, the fact that the Classis of New York was unwilling to assume its indebtedness to the Contingent Fund of Synod of $20,00 as they consider the proportion too high. It was

Resolved, That the Classis of New York be exonerated from paying the amount due from them on the assessments of past years.

The same Committee reported as an irregularity, the fact, that the Classis of Goshenhoppen specified as one of its items at a special meeting, the "transaction of such business as might be deemed necessary," contrary to Sec. II., Art. 12 of the Constitution; and also the fact, that the Classis of East Susquehanna dispensed with the installation of the Rev. C. Z. Weiser. It was

Resolved, That the attention of these Classes be directed to these irregularities respectively.

The same Committee also reported as an irregularity, the fact, that the Classis of Maryland received an Elder as a member of Classis, whose credentials had not been received at the regular meeting. The item was approved.

The Classis of East Pennsylvania, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, directed the attention of Synod to the fact, that the Classis of Goshenhoppen did not pay due regard to certain resolutions forwarded to them by the Classis of East Pennsylvania through their Stated Clerk It was

Resolved, That this subject be referred to the Classis of Goshenhoppen, and that the Classis be directed to take measures to have the existing difficulties adjusted as soon as possible.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported an appeal of the Rev. Daniel Weiser from the decision of the Goshenhoppen Classis at a special meeting in Berks county, in reference to its reception of the Pennsburg congregation. The appeal was referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. Diedrich Willers, John W. Steinmetz, Charles Cast, and Elders George Shollenberger and John Wolfensberger, to examine the papers in the case, and if found in order, to propose the order in which the appeal shall be prosecuted before Synod. In this connection the Committee on Overtures reported a paper from the Pennsburg congregation, bearing on this particular case. It was referred to the same committee. This committee submitted the following report, was received and adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the appeal of the Rev. D. Weiser from the decision of the Goshenhoppen Classis in the case of the Pennsburg congregation, respectfully report,

That they first endeavored to effect an adjustment of the difficulties between the two parties, but in this were unsuccessful. They then examined the papers in the case, and found them in order; and would recommend that the appeal be taken up in the following order:

1) The papers and documents in the case shall be read.

2) The parties shall each be heard, and allowed thirty minutes to present their case.

3) An opportunity shall then be afforded the members of Synod to express their views.

4) The Synod shall proceed to decide the case.

Respectfully submitted,

DIEDRICH WILLERS, *Chairman.*

The appeal was accordingly taken up. The papers in the case were read. The parties were heard; after which the Synod resolved to proceed to decide the case without debate. The vote was taken by YEAS and NAYS, and the result was as follows:

To Sustain the Appeal:—E. Kieffer, F. J. Mohr, W. H. Groh, J. F. Pontius, T. G. Apple, A. B. Wingerd, J. H. A. Bomberger, L. A. Brunner, M. L. Shuford, C. Cast, J. Rodenmayer, D. Smith, J. Beck, J. H. Derr, S. Gutelius—15

Not to Sustain:—H. F. Hartman, W. Goodrich, J. Sechler, D. Willers, B. S. Schneck, N. S. Aller, R. Umstead, J. Garner, P. Hoover, H. Wissler, W. H. Knode, H A. Wilt, J. E. Heister, F. W. Kremer, J. F. Moers, C. J. Becker, J. Laubach, T. Butz—18.

Non Liquet—H. Williard, M. A. Smith—2.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported an appeal of Levi L. Jacoby, in behalf of the congregations served by Mr. Simon K. Gross, a suspended minister, from the decision of the Classis of Goshenhoppen, refusing to restore Mr. Gross to the functions of the ministry. The appeal was referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. Henry F. Hartman, Amos H. Kremer, Franklin J. Mohr, and Elders John Garner and Peter Roller, to examine the papers in the case, and if found in order, to propose the order in which the appeal shall be heard before Synod. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee on Mr. Jacoby's appeal in the case of Mr. Gross, beg leave to report:

That they have carefully examined the documents pertaining to this case. They find several petitions, signed by many of the former members and *friends of Mr. Gross*, praying the

Goshenhoppen Classis to restore him to the functions of the holy ministry. The papers of the petitioners are accompanied by testimonials in favor of his behavior and moral character, since his deposition. On the other hand, your committee have thoroughly investigated the evidence before the Classis, upon which Mr. Gross was suspended. He was informed by Classis to desist from preaching. Mr. Gross complied with the decision. He, however, preached afterwards, often in his congregations upon the permission of some of the members of Classis, given on the floor of Classis, to fill the appointments of their own supplies in case they did not come themselves, in order to avoid disappointing the audience. Several applications having been presented before Classis by many members of his charge in favor of his restoration, based upon the firm declaration of his innocence, and a regular notice given of their appeal to Synod, with the prayer to investigate the case, your committee recommend, that, inasmuch as the appeal is in order, both parties interested be heard in closed session, according to the usual order of the constitution in case.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY F. HARTMAN, *Chairman.*

The case was accordingly taken up. The documents pertaining to it were read. The appellant was then heard at length; after which statements were made by some of the members of the Classis in explanation of its action. The members of Synod were then afforded an opportunity to express their views. After this was done, the vote was taken by YEAS and NAYS, with the following result:

To Sustain the Appeal: J. Laubach, T. Butz, W. A. Wilt, B. S. Schneck—4.

Not to Sustain. A. B. Wingerd, J. Beck, T. G. Apple, C. J. Becker, J. H. Derr, J. E. Hiester, F. W. Kremer, J. F. Moers, C. Cast, M. A. Smith, H. Wissler, W. H. Knode, J. Rodenmayer, D. Smith, J. H. A. Bomberger, N. S. Aller, P. Hoover, J. Garner, R. Umstead, D. Willers, W. H. Groh, J. F. Pontius, W. Goodrich,—23.

Non Liquet: M. L. Shuford, F. J. Mohr—2.

Excused from Voting: S. Guteluis, E. Kieffer, H. F. Hartman—3.

Rev. A. L. Dechant and N. S. Strassburger were appointed a committee to visit the congregations of Mr. Gross, and explain to them the action of Synod.

ARTICLE XVII.

Complaints.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

Sunday Schools.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

Publication.

The following report was received from the Board of Publication and referred to the Committee on Publication :

The Board of Publication has had three meetings during the year. The business of the firm has been carried forward, amidst all the embarrassments with which trade has had to contend the past two years, with commendable activity. It is true, this assertion may be deemed rather extravagant by some. Yet, when the history of the Establishment is kept in view; the disadvantages under which the firm prosecuted its labors for years; the amount of liabilities that once threatened the solvency of the Establishment, but which have now been so much reduced as to make their payment only a matter of time; all this and much more, considered properly, will confirm the declaration of the Board.

The firm, M. Kieffer & Co., rendered their annual statement of the condition of the Printing Establishment for the year ending 1st of October, 1859, to the Board at its last meeting, a few days ago. From this statement, the Board is led to infer, that reasonable prosperity is accompanying them. To assure the Synod of this, a brief synopsis of their statement is herewith appended. The liabilities of the firm in whole are put down at $16,819,20¼.

It is not deemed important in this report to give all the items swelling this aggregate. Suffice it to say, that it embraces all the debts of the Establishment, including money due Bank, Saving Fund, individuals, original investment of firm, and also deferred payment of $3,000 on Mansion House.

Now as an offset to this, the firm has produced assets to the amount of $45,721,18. That Synod may form its own estimate of the character and worth of these assets, a statement of them is herewith given, viz :

Lot and building,	$10,000,00
Presses and engines,	3,050,00
Types, fixtures, stoves, &c.,	2,000,00
Stereotype plates English Hymn Book,	250,00
do do German do do	400,00
do do English and German Catechisms,	100,00
Printing Ink,	68,25
Paper on hand in office,	657,78
Carried over,	$16,526,03

Amount brought over,	$16,526,03
Bindery tools, Presses, &c ,	850,00
Material on hand in Bindery,	384,25
Books bound,	3,795,37
Books in sheets,	1,516,75
Due on accounts for Messenger, (estimated),	9,000,00
do do Kirchenzeitung, do	4,200,00
do do Books,	6,869,29
do do Binding,	629,49
Former building and lot sold,	2,000,00
	$45,721,18

The Board deem it due to the firm to accompany this statement with a few explanatory remarks. It will be perceived, that the liabilities this year have been increased some $930,64¼. They were reported at last Synod as $15,888,55¾. They are now $16,819,20¼. Yet when the facts in the case are known, this increase will be but nominal. It will be remembered that at the last meeting of Synod the Rev. B. Bausman was chosen Editor of the Messenger, and the Rev. B. S. Schneck Editor of the Kirchenzeitung—and the Board were directed to fix their salaries respectively. At its next meeting the Board voted $700 as the salary of Editor of the Messenger, and $500 for the Editor of the German paper. This in itself was an increase of $800 in the expenses of the firm. Heretofore Dr. Fisher had performed the duty of editor and general superintendent—while the salary of the editor of the German paper had been $400. Besides this, a considerable amount of expense has been incurred by the firm in the way of renewal of type, purchase of a new engine, which alone cost some $700 or $800. Then it must be remembered the office has been removed during the year from the building in which its operations had been carried on since its origin, to the Mansion House, lately purchased by the firm, with the consent of Synod. This item of removal itself was attended with no small expense. All these different considerations will evidence to Synod that although the aggregate liabilities this year are seemingly greater by $930,64¼ than last year—yet really, not more than, from the nature of the case, could have been expected.

Yet while the liabilities of the establishment have been increased somewhat, it is with pleasure the Board can report that the assets of the firm have increased during the same period $2,654,06. The Board regrets that so large an amount of the means of the firm are kept inactive and unproductive—some $20,000 alone due for the papers and books, &c. Could some means be devised by which this large amount due the Establishment, could be called in, the firm with ease could be relieved from every embarrassment and a handsome sum be left to carry on its operations. It is presumed, however, that much of this large sum will be lost to the firm. It is, howev-

ever, upon the face of their books and justly due them. The other assets of the firm are believed to be at their cash value. The Board takes pleasure in stating, that a sale was effected a few weeks ago, of the old Printing office building for $2,000—payable in the Spring of 1860. This in itself will reduce the liabilities of the firm to a corresponding amount.

The Board would also state, since the removal of the office to its present location, that it is much more eligibly situated. The house is much better adapted for the purposes in view. The rooms appear to be well suited for the different uses to which they are applied. It is hoped, with these additional advantages and facilities for business, a corresponding increase will be realized by the firm.

The statement of the firm concerning the circulation of the papers of the Church is by no means flattering. The fact is, it is a shame to us, as a Church, that our periodicals are not more widely circulated. Why do we not send out at least 10,000 Messengers and an equal number of the Kirchenzietung? Could the Board of Publication report that number of subscribers, with the accompanying patronage, then could liberal things be devised. But with our small list, it is with great difficulty, favorable results can be reached in a short time.

New subscribers for the year to the Messenger,			383
do do do do do Kirchenzietung,			380
Messenger less than the previous year,	108		
Kirchenzeitung more than do do,	60		
Subscribers to Messenger, Oct. 1st, 1858,		2,989	
do do do do 1859,		2,981	
do Kirchenzeitung, do 1858,		2,399	
do do do 1859,		2,212	
Actual decrease during the year on Messenger,			7
do do do do Kirchenzeitung,			187

The Board take no pleasure in making this part of their statement to Synod. Surely, some earnest efforts should be made by which the circulation of our Church papers should be extended.

RECEIPTS.

Received on Messenger,	$4,081,04	
do Kirchenzeitung,	1,860,87	
do Books and Jobs,	5,828,99½	
do Bindery,	216,92	
do Loans,	6,260,00	
Total income,	$18,247,82½	
Due Treasurer, Oct. 1st, 1859,	514,65¼	$18,762,45¾

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid principal on notes due last year,	$3,342,38	
do on loans of the year,	2,390,00	
do Int., materials, hands, agencies, &c.,	12,910,18	
Balance due Treasurer, Oct. 1, '59,	119,89¾	$18,762,45¾

The action of last Synod in reference to the publication of a Church Almanac was duly considered by the Board. Had Synod devised ways and means by which the proposed Almanac in manuscript, could have been placed before the Board ready for publication, it is presumed the desire of Synod would have been met without delay. But it is submitted with due deference, by the Board, that it is not their province to prepare books and pamphlets for publication at the mere suggestion of Synod, however earnestly each individual member of the Board might wish to see this object accomplished. If Synod is anxiously desirous to carry forward operations of this character, let suitable individuals be designated for the preparation of such works as may be desired. In that event, the Board would take pleasure in carrying out the recommendation of Synod. Otherwise, it is feared this suggestion will remain a dead letter. Besides all this, it was altogether out of the question to prepare an Almanac, such as would meet the wants of the Church for 1860, at the time the request of Synod came officially before the Board. An Almanac, to receive general circulation, should be issued at least six months before the new year. It was scarcely more than this before the wishes of Synod were acted upon by our Board. The practicability, therefore, of the measure, for the present, was doubted; and in view of this fact, its publication was deferred. Should Synod wish the measure carried out the coming year, it is presumed the end would be better accomplished by making it the work of an individual. Time and expense might be gained in this way.

Some portions of the Church may esteem the Board of Publication as the channel through which publications of various kinds are to be prepared and issued to meet the great wants of our Zion. There is no doubt the Church needs more denominational literature. Her history, genius, character and doctrines need to be more fully known, to disarm prejudices against her, as well as to build up her friends in true love and devotion. Feeling in common with many in the Church this great want, yet the Board cannot, under its present constitution, carry forward this desired work. Our province lies in another direction. It is in the language of Synod, "to have charge of the Printing Establishment, and to superintend the publication of the periodicals of the Church, and of such books as have been, or may be, authorised by Synod." These instructions to the Board are plain and positive. They give but little discretion: "Books as have been, or may be, authorised by Synod." If funds, such as are adequate in an undertaking of this kind, (for it is folly to think of publishing books without funds) be furnished, the Board will take great pleasure in carrying forward

the establishment, in conjunction with M. Kieffer & Co., so as to meet the wishes of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN REBAUGH, *President.*

F. A. RUPLEY, *Secretary.*

The Committee on Publication submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Publication beg leave to report:

That they have examined the Report of the Board of Publication, and find that it has, during the last year, attended to its usual duties. The liabilities of the Printing Establishment at Chambersburg are set down at $16,819,20¼, and its assets are estimated at $45,721,18. There are 2981 subscribers, to the Messenger and 2212 to the Kirchenzeitung. In both cases the circulation should be much greater.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. A. BOMBERGER, *Chairman.*

The committee appointed by the Synod of last year to report on the contract of Synod with M. Kieffer & Co., submitted their report. The report was received, and after a lengthy discussion, a motion for the adoption of the resolution appended to the report was lost. The following resolution was then adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed to confer with M. Kieffer & Co., in reference to an adjustment, in such way as they may together devise, of the difficulties existing between Synod and the firm.

The following persons were appointed the committee of conference: Rev. Henry Harbaugh, John Beck, Frederick A. Rupley, John H. A. Bomberger, D. D., and Elders Rudolph F. Kelker, John Rodenmayer, and William Heyser. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee of conference with M. Kieffer & Co., would report:

That they had several conferences with the firm, at which the views of both parties were freely expressed and discussed. The committee made a number of propositions to M. Kieffer & Co., none of which were accepted by them. The firm think, that, in justice to themselves, they can accede to no other terms of settlement of the difficulties at present existing between them and the Synod, than those provided in the articles of agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

H. HARBAUGH, Chairman.

The following resolution was then offered, and, after considerable discussion, adopted :

Resolved, That any change at this time in the relations of this Synod with the firm of M. Kieffer & Co., who have in charge the Printing Establishment, would be attended with loss to Synod, and prudence suggests the continuance of these relations until the expiration of the agreement, and that, in the mean time, the liabilities be reduced, and the indebtedness to the Establishment collected, so as to render a change possible, without serious loss, and further, that the ministers and elders use their best endeavors to increase the circulation of the Church papers.

The following resolution was also adopted:

Resolved, That the Trustees of Synod be instructed to enter into such arrangements with M. Kieffer & Co., as will fully secure the interest of Synod in the real Estate held by the Printing Establishment conducted by M. Kieffer & Co.

The following statement was received from M Kieffer & Co., and ordered to be entered on the Minutes:

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF THE PUBLICATION FIRM.

Whereas we have been expected, in at least two instances, to publish the Synod's books on more favorable terms than those specified in the contract existing between us and said body; and whereas we believe that the dissatisfaction existing with some in regard to the course pursued by us as a Firm, in conforming to the letter of our contract, grounds itself in misapprehension, we deem it proper to make the following statement:

We have always admitted, that in the author of a book is vested the right of authorship, that literary labor should be rewarded, but if this book become the property of Synod, whether by sale or grant, then the Synod is bound to give us the printing of the same on the terms specified in the contract and not on any new terms!—the profits or losses to be equally divided at the end of the term contracted for. In case the Synod is at an expense in procuring the copy-right of the book, we agree that the same be paid by the Establishment. Be it understood also, that the Firm are willing to yield their claim to publish other books than those which are of a symbolical character, such as Catechisms, Hymn books, Liturgies, &c. All other denominational literature, including the proposed critical edition of the Heidelberg Catechism and Digest of the Proceedings of Synod, we think, should be brought out and circulated in a free way, without the imprimatur of Synod.

Again the business Firm as such has nothing to do whatever with the editorial department, and are not willing to be held

responsible for any difficulties that may arise from this department.

M. KIEFFER & CO.

The committee appointed by the Synod of last year, to propose a plan for the creation of a Board of Publication to provide a Church literature, submitted their report in connection with the discussion on the report of the committee on the contract of Synod with M. Kieffer & Co. It was received, and then laid on the table. After the subject of the contract was disposed of, the report was taken up, and recommitted with a view to amendment. The Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, D. D, and Isaac S. Demund were added to the committee. This committee submitted the following report:

The committee on the creation of a Publication Board, report as follows:

Inasmuch as the body of the report presented by the committee appointed last year, discusses points which are, in a great measure, superseded by proceedings already transpired in the present Synod, your committee would simply present for the consideration of Synod, the following:

1. The adoption of the following plan for the establishment of a Board of Publication:

This Board shall be known by the name and title of: "The German Roformed Church Publication Board."

It shall be the office and mission of this Board to furnish the Church with such literature, original, selected, and by translation, by publications periodical and permanent, as shall be suited to develop her peculiar life, and in general to promote true piety and sound intelligence.

The Board shall consist of nine members, five of whom shall be ministers and four laymen. The President of Synod shall always be a member of the Board *Ex-Officio*. The other eight shall, the first time, be elected by Synod by ballot, from a double number of candidates placed in nomination. Of these eight members, two shall hold office four years, two three years two two years, and two one year. The term of each one shall be determined by his age—the older always holding the longer term. In place of the two whose office expires each year, Synod shall elect by ballot two others from a double number placed in nomination; but always a minister in place of a minister, and a layman in place of a layman. The term of office shall begin and expire with the meetings of Synod each year. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

The Board shall organize by electing its own officers—a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall perform the usual duties of those offices. They shall be in office for one year when *they may be re-elected*, or others shall be elected *in their place.*

The Board shall hold four regular quarterly meetings in each year, on the first Wednesday in January; first Wednesday in April; first Wednesday in July; and first Wednesday in October; which last shall be the annual meeting. The Board shall also hold an anniversary at and during each annual meeting of Synod. Besides, it may hold adjourned and special meetings at the call of the President whenever its business may make this necessary. In case of vacancy by resignation or death, the Board shall have power to fill the vacancy till the next meeting of Synod, when the vacant place shall be filled in the same way as at the regular election of members of the Board.

The Board shall examine all manuscripts, or books submitted to them for publication; and shall agree before any MSS. or book shall be published by the Board.

The Board shall have all its printing and binding work done by contract, by the cheapest and best bidder offering.

The Board shall have power to make contracts with authors either for the purchase of original or translated works, or for copy right, and fix the price of the sale of its publications, wholesale and retail.

The Board shall open a publishing house at some eligible point within the bounds of Synod, where its publications shall be kept and from which they shall be issued; and besides the publications of the Board, they may keep on hand other approved and standard religious publications; and may import from foreign countries such books as may be needed and ordered by ministers and members in the Church.

Besides this publishing house, the Board may establish sub-depositories at such points as they may deem proper.

The Board may employ an agent or agents for the sale and circulation of its publications; as also for the management of its publishing house and depositories—always allowing such percentage on the publications of the Board as shall be agreed upon between the Board and its agents. If it seem more expedient, the Board may employ those agents which it shall need in the publishing house, at a fixed salary

The Board may contract with any publisher or publishers, for any publication approved and secured by the Board, allowing him, for a copy-right consideration agreed upon between them, to publish as his own book any number of copies, he agreeing, on such terms as shall be settled between him and the Board, to furnish the Board such copies as they may desire from time to time with the imprimatur of the Board on the title page.

The Board shall decide what works shall be stereotyped; and whenever a work is stereotyped, the first profits from its publication shall be appropriated to the payment of the plates, and when thus paid for, the plates shall be the property of *Synod.*

All the property which the Board may have, or shall at any time acquire, shall belong to Synod, and be held for it by the Trustees of Synod: but the use of it shall be under the control of the Board of Publication, until the capital of the Board shall have reached the sum of at least $20,000.

Synod shall not abstract from the fund or profits of the Board anything whatever, with a view of applying it to other objects or purposes except by the consent of the Board.

The Board shall make a report to Synod annually of its condition, progress, and prospects.

The Board may open a book to take subscriptions for its publications; and any individual, Sabbath school, literary association, or congregation, subscribing for all the publications of the Board, and paying cash for them within two months after the publication day in the case of books, and paying cash in advance in the case of a serial publication, shall receive them at 10 per cent. under the regular wholesale price. But no subscription, except in the case of periodicals, shall be taken for a less term than five years.

An individual, Sabbath school, or congregation that shall pay into the funds of the Board at one time $30 or more, shall receive a certificate of Honorary membership, which shall entitle the holder thereof, either personally or by written order, to draw from the publishing house one dollar's worth of its publications annually, during the term of his own natural life, provided the allowance for each year be drawn within the limits of the year.

The Board may sell any approved publication at reduced prices, or distribute it gratuitously, in case a congregation, or benevolent individual, may make provision for the same by furnishing the stereotype plates, or otherwise contributing funds for that purpose. In like manner the Board may reduce the price of a publication in case an author or translator shall present to the Board his copy-right.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-third vote of Synod.

The Board shall have power to make all necessary By-laws for its own management; provided such By-laws be not in conflict with this Constitution.

2. That this Board so elected shall have power to take such measures during the year toward securing the end in view as it shall deem advisable; provided only that no action be taken that will in any way pecuniarily obligate the Synod.

3. That the Board be directed, during the year, to examine carefully the above plan or constitution with a view of embodying in it, or removing from it, any articles that may be found from reflection and experience to be required for its perfection, and report the same to the next Synod for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

H. HARBAUGH, Chairman.

The report was received. It was then

Resolved, That the action of Synod upon this report be postponed until the next annual meeting of Synod.

The Classis of East Susquehanna, as reported by the Committee on the Minutes of Classes, called the attention of Synod to the necessity of having our English Hymn book enlarged by the addition of more hymns, together with the insertion of the Constitution of the Church. This subject was taken up; and after considerable discussion, it was

Resolved, That the further consideration of this subject be indefinitely postponed.

The following report was received from the Stated Clerk of Synod, in regard to the publication and distribution of the Minutes of last year, and adopted:

The undersigned would respectfully report,

That, in accordance with the resolution of Synod, he had 3,000 copies of the Minutes of the last annual meeting published in the English language, and 2,000 copies in the German language; and distributed them amongst the Classes, as follows; East Pennsylvania Classis, German 299 and English 139; Zions, German 25 and English 55; Lebanon, German 55 and English 35; Maryland, German 50 and English 450; Philadelphia, German 47 and English 46; Virginia, English 36; Mercersburg, German 13 and English 172; Goshenhoppen, German 30 and English 18; New York, German 8 and English 5; Lancaster, German 30 and English 101; Clarion, German 75 and English 275; East Susquehanna, German 180 and English 320; West Susquehanna, German 41 and English 49; Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, German 44 and English 105; Elders and others, English 26, and Corresponding bodies, German 6 and English 12; making a total of 899 German copies, and 1,844 English copies, and leaving on hand 1,101 copies of the German and 1,156 copies of the English edition. The distribution was made according to the order of the respective Classes. Several members of some of the Classes, especially of the West Susquehanna Classis, received no copies, simply because the Stated Clerk received from them no orders as to the number desired or the manner in which they were to be sent. The expense of publishing the two editions averaged 12 7-10 cents per copy. When the publication was commenced, it was supposed, that the expense would not exceed the limit fixed by the Synod; but as the Minutes exceeded those of the previous year in size to the extent of twenty-eight pages, which was not discovered until it was too late to lessen the number of the editions, it was impossible to confine the expense to the exact limits fixed by the Synod. As it is, much less has been charg-

ed for the work than would have been charged by any other office than that at which they were published.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk.*

Resolved, That those Classes and individuals who have not received their proportion of the Minutes, be requested to inform the Stated Clerk as to the number they desire, and the manner in which they are to be sent.

The following preamble and resolution were also subsequently adopted:

Whereas, it appears form a statement made by the Stated Clerk, that a large number of copies of the Minutes of last Synod are still on hand, thus making it impracticable for Synod to authorize again an equally large, or even larger edition, and, whereas, it is believed, that such large editions would greatly further the interest of the Church at large and that of our benevolent operations in particular, Therefore

Resolved, That the attention of all the Classes, especially of those somewhat delinquent, be again respectfully directed to this important subject, and that they be requested to take such action as will largely increase the circulation of the Minutes of Synod.

The following memorial in regard to the new German Hymn book, together with three copies of the book, was received from the Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff, and referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Diedrich Willers, Benjamin S. Schneck, D. D., Joshua H. Derr, Daniel Weiser and Elder Rudolph F. Kelker:

To the Reverend Synod of the German Reformed Church in session at Harrisburg, Pa.

A MEMORIAL ON THE NEW GERMAN HYMN BOOK.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN:—I beg leave to lay before you a few copies of the large or critical edition of my German Hymn Book which has left the press a few days ago. As I am not the author but simply the compiler, I can without any immodesty commend it as a rich treasury of devotion containing the choicest hymns of all ages and denominations of the Church; and as to the style of publication, it will be readily admitted on all hands, that it compares favorably with the very best hymn books ever published in Europe or America.

In view of the relation which this work, in its earlier preparatory stages, sustained to your body, and which, under its present completed form, it may sustain to you hereafter, I think it respectful and proper to accompany these specimen copies with some explanatory statements.

It is well known that the new German Hymn Book was originated, without any agency of my own, by your action at the Synod of Chambersburg in 1855 apppointing a committee for its preparation with myself as Chairman; that it was prepared according to hymnological principles which met your full approbation at the Synod of Allentown in 1857; that the body of manuscript as prepared by your Chairman at the request and with the concurrence of the other members of the committee, and accompanied by a unanimous report of the committee, was ready to be delivered to the Synod of Frederick in 1858 for authoritative publication; but that such publication, for reasons which have no connection whatever with the merits or defects of the work, was unexpectedly defeated, the committee finally discharged, at their own request, and thus all connection of the book with Synod dissolved.

In consequence of this action of the Synod of Frederick, the alternative was forced upon me, either indefinitely to postpone the publication of the book or to publish it as a private production on my own resposibility and risk. With the consent, and in part at the urgent solicitation of the members of the late committee and many other friends of the new German Hymn Book who justly think that the publication of a work so much needed and so long desired, should not be any longer delayed for purely foreign and accidental causes, I concluded to adopt the latter course. I did not do so, however, till after long and careful consideration. It was only after the lapse of seven months since the dissolution of the committee by the late Synod, that I put the first pages of the manuscript into the hands of the printer, and it was not till the 22nd of August last, that I concluded an agreement with one of the leading publishing houses of the city concerning the publication and sale of the work, an agreement, moreover, in which I expressly reserved for Synod the right to the purchase of the copy-right on the simple condition of paying the expenses and assuming the stock on hand at cost.

The book now comes before you under a new character altogether.

First as regards the contents. Since the Synod of Frederick I subjected the manuscript, with the employment of all the leisure time I could command, to a thorough revision, yea, I may say, to an entire reconstruction, and added a large number of critical and explanatory notes at the head and under the text of the hymns. These accessories to the text, printed in very small type, have, it is true, greatly increased the cost of composition and tend to limit its general circulation and popular use, but they give it a more scholarly and valuable character and make it, it is hoped, more instructive and interesting to ministers and educated laymen. It is intended,

however, to issue, as soon as the demand will justify it, a cheap pocket edition without the hymnological apparatus, containing nothing but the text of hymns like other books of the kind.

The other difference relates to the form and title of the new Hymn Book. It is published under my own name, though without any prefatory remarks, and simply as a German Hymn Book without any denominational sanction. For I had no right, to use the name and influence of the Synod of the German Reformed Church on the title page or in a preface, without her express permission and authority.

Nevertheless Synod can now, if she see fit to do so, upon a careful examination of the work, with perfect propriety adopt the same as her own child, with the consent of the parent, and order either its definite or allow its provisional introduction into the German congregations under its care. This requires, of course, a new action altogether, since the Synod's connection with the hymn book as it came before her consideration at Frederick is by Synod's own action finally and absolutely dissolved.

In case you should see your way clear to adopt this course, I am happy to state, that the agreement with my publishers enables me to offer you, for *benevolent* purposes, a consideration of ten cents for every copy sold of the larger edition as soon as the expenses are paid (which in case of the speedy introduction will be met in a short time), and five cents for every copy of the proposed pocket edition from the date of its publication,—with the understanding, however, that a just proportion of this copy money shall be allowed to the Western Synod in case she should adopt and introduce the book into her territory.

It is not my intention or wish at this time either to ask or to oppose such introduction. In view of well known difficulties connected with the present publication arrangements of Synod, which, however, it is to be hoped may soon be adjusted to the satisfaction of both parties concerned, I can hardly expect, even if I felt disposed to ask for, a definite and final action at the present meeting, and I shall be satisfied for my own part if Synod puts the new Hymn Book on the same footing with the new Liturgy by either expressly authorizing or quietly acquiescing in, its *provisional* introduction for an indefinite period, especially in those congregations where the Hymn Book of 1841 which was to be superseded by the present one, has never been introduced, and where, in open violation of the Constitution, more than half a dozen unauthorized hymn books (some of them prepared even by and for other denominations) are now in public use and likely to continue in use to the injury of the unity and harmony of worship, unless the one now offered for your consideration, and originally prepared by your order and for your benefit, and that without *any* expense to Synod, be permitted *quietly to take their place.*

In conclusion, I may be permitted to express my sincere satisfaction, that a work, the past history of which, you all know has been accidentally, though unavoidably connected with an unusual amount of external trouble, care and anxiety, in addition to the mere literary labor, is now before the public in such shape and form as will meet the wishes of its most sanguine friends, and with prospects which fully justify the views and principles laid down in my final report as Chairman of the late committee on the new German Hymn Book. Like many of its most precious and most edifying hymns, this book is emphatically a child of sorrow and pain, a flower grown on the tree of the Cross. May it now go forth on its mission of peace and good will, either as a book of private devotion or as a standard of public worship, and with its sweet melodies of prayer, praise and holy joy, sounding from many ages and many lands with all the sacred associations of the past and with the freshness of undying youth, prove to all its readers a rich source of edification and spiritual growth in every Christian grace and virtue.

With sentiments of brotherly esteem and affection I subscribe myself

Your obedient servant and brother in the Lord,

PHILIP SCHAFF.

Theological Seminary, Mercersburg, Pa., Oct. 11, 1859.

The committee to whom the foregoing memorial was referred, submitted their report, which was received, amended, and adopted, and is as follows:

The committee on the memorial of the Rev. Dr. P. Schaff, in regard to the German Hymn book, report as follows:

We have given the German Hymn book such a perusal, as enables us to report favorably in regard to it. The old Church tunes are embodied in it, in connection with new, though partly strange tunes. With regard to the contents of the hymns, we must say, it is a "*Prachtvoll Gesangbuch.*" The hymns are full of life, and the spirit of the Church breathes through them, from the early ages of Christianity to the present time. We accordingly recommend the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That we adopt the Hymn book, issued by the Rev. Dr. P. Schaff, as the standard German Hymn book of the German Reformed Church in the United States, and that its use in the public worship of our congregations be and hereby is authorized and recommended.

And further—Whereas, Dr. Schaff, the author of the present Hymn book, has made such business arrangements with his present publishers, that any change in the same at the present time, would produce undesirable complications, therefore

Resolved, That although we have adopted it as the present standard German Hymn book of the German Reformed Church, he be allowed to continue to publish it according to his present arrangements, provided that he allow a proper preface, together with the imprimatur of Synod, to be prefixed to all books intended to be sold in our congregations.

D. WILLERS, *Chairman.*

The following additional resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Synod be authorized to enter into an agreement with M. Kieffer & Co., guaranteeing to them the payment of one thousand dollars out of the Synod's interest in the Printing Establishment, at the close of the present contract with Synod, on condition that they surrender their right to publish the editions of the new German Hymn book.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have three thousand copies of the Proceedings of this Synod duly authenticated, published in the English, and two thousand copies in the German language, and distributed amongst those entitled to receive them.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Inasmuch as the hymn on our present Church Member's Certificate contains an unusual and exceptional case of Christian experience, and is, therefore, not generally appropriate, therefore

Resolved, That the Board of Publication respectfully request the firm of M. Kieffer & Co. to publish with as little delay as possible, another and more suitable Church Member's Certificate.

The following persons were chosen the Board of Publication for the current year: Rev. John Rebaugh, Henry W. Super, Frederick A. Rupley, Samuel Philips, and Messrs. Dr. John Lambert, James Nill, Lyman S. Clark, Jacob Heyser and John Bowman.

ARTICLE XX.

Church Government.

The following report was received from the committee appointed to translate the Provisional Liturgy into the German language:

The committee to translate the Provisional Liturgy into the German language, report as *follows:*

The *committee has nearly completed* the work assigned to

it, with the exception of the Family Prayers, but desires time to revise their labors in order to its better adaptation to the wishes of the Church, as they have been expressed from various sources, and to propose such changes as might seem to be desirable. The committee would also beg for the privilege of making a collection of Family Prayers from German sources, instead of translating them from the English.

To attain this object, there should, we think, be an addition of one or more members to the present committee.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. KESSLER, *Chairman.*

The report, together with the translation as far as made, was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev Diedrich Willers, Thomas G. Apple, Henry Harbaugh, Joseph S. Dubs, Henry F. Hartman, Charles Cast, and N. S. Strassburger. This committee submitted their report. It was received, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the translation of the Provisional Liturgy into the German language, respectfully report as follows:

It is an exceedingly difficult and laborious task to translate a work of this nature so as to give general satisfaction. A single word in the English language can often be translated by such a variety of German words, that it becomes difficult to make the proper selection. It must have cost the chairman and members of the committee, to whom the translation of the present work was entrusted, much time and labor to put it into its present form. We cherish all due respect for the committee and their work; and yet we feel constrained to state it as our opinion, that the translation under consideration will not meet the expectations, which the German members of our Reformed Church are authorized to entertain. We have been convinced of this, by the careful examination of a single formula, namely, the shorter form for the Baptism of Children. The language of the Holy Scriptures has not been as closely adhered to as it ought to have been. The committee seem also to have been fully conscious of this fact, and hence have requested, that they might be permitted to give their work a careful revision.

The following action is recommended to Synod as covering the demands of the case:

1.) *Resolved,* That the committee to translate the Liturgy into German, deserve the thanks of this Synod for the ability and faithfulness with which they have nearly completed the task assigned them.

2.) *Resolved,* That the committee be continued and enlarged, by the addition of four members, and directed to revise and

finish their work and to publish it without expense to Synod in a provisional form, by the next meeting of Synod, if practicable, for the examination and use of our German ministers and congregations.

3.) *Resolved*, That the committee thus enlarged shall give a faithful translation of the English Liturgy, with the permission, however, to make such improvements as are obviously necessary, and may be agreed to by the English committee, and also to substitute in part original German family prayers for some of the English family prayers, if they see fit to do so.

4.) *Resolved*, That the profits of authorship arising from the publication of said Provisional Liturgy be equally divided between the committee and the Synod, after the expenses of the committee are paid.

Respectfully submitted,

D. WILLERS, *Chairman.*

The Rev. Joshua H. Derr, John Gantenbein, N. S. Strassburger and Charles Cast, were added to the committee, as recommended in the resolutions appended to the foregoing report.

From the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, it appeared, that the amendments to the Constitution, creating a Triennial General Synod to represent the whole Church, sent down to the Classes by the last Synod, had not been adopted by the constitutional majority of the Classes; but as there appeared to be a general desire for some measure of the nature contemplated, it was

Resolved, That this subject be referred to a committee to report at the next annual meeting of Synod. The Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, D. D., Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., and Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D., were appointed this committee.

The following report was received from the committee on the change of the title of the Church, and adopted:

The committee appointed by the Synod on the proposed change of the Church title from "German Reformed" to "Evangelical Reformed," beg leave to offer the following report:

According to a request of Synod of last year, the subject of a change was considered by the several Classes, at their annual meetings last Spring, and the result is, that two Classes, viz: Maryland and Philadelphia, of the fourteen Classes connected with this Synod, have voted in favor of the proposed change; and of the ten Classes constituting the Western Synod, only two, viz: Miami and Westmoreland, desire the change proposed.

In view of this very general *expression of* opinion, which is

decidedly adverse to a change in the Church title, your committee beg leave to propose the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That Synod deems it inexpedient to take any action at this time looking to a change in the Church title from "German Reformed" to "Evangelical Reformed."

Respectfully submitted,

ELIAS HEINER, *Chairman.*

The following preamble and resolutions were offered:

WHEREAS, The 6th Article, Part 4th of the Constitution of our Church, provides, that, "before an adult is baptized, he shall conscientiously, in the presence of the assembly and before God, answer in the affirmative to" the four several questions in said Article expressed; and, whereas, in Article 10th of the same part, it is also provided, that persons possessing the requisite qualifications shall upon application be admitted to the communion of the Church by the rite of confirmation, according to the mode prescribed in the Liturgy adopted by Synod, *answering in the affirmative to the interrogatories proposed in the baptism of adults, and,*

Whereas, In the Provisional Liturgy permitted to be published, none of the questions referred to in the above preamble are to be found, either in the form for baptism of adults, or for the rite of confirmation, and consequently the use of said new forms by our ministry, without requiring the applicants in each case to answer the said Constitutional questions, is a plain deviation from said Constitution; therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod earnestly requests the ministry of the Church to adhere strictly to the Constitution, whenever they are called upon to administer its rites and sacraments.

Resolved, That in order to avoid confusion hereafter, the Committee who have charge of the German provisional Liturgy, are hereby instructed to introduce at once and before its publication, the four constitutional questions required in the baptism of adults and confirmation of members.

After some discussion, the above preamble and resolutions were referred to a committee, with instructions to report at the next annual meeting of Synod. The committee consists of the Rev. Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D., Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., Thomas G. Apple, Franklin W. Kremer, Henry Harbaugh and Elders Rudolph F. Kelker and William H. Knode.

ARTICLE XXI.

Miscellaneous.

The committee appointed by the last Synod to procure an act of incorporation for a Board of Trustees of this Synod from the Legislature of Pennsylvania, submitted their report. Their report was received and adopted, and is as follows:

The committee appointed by the Synod at Frederick to procure the passage of an act by the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, incorporating the Synod or a Board of Trustees of the Synod, would respectfully report that they have performed the duty assigned them, and herewith submit for acceptance a copy of the act, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Trustees of the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States;" and attested by Hon. Wm. M. Hiester, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

The Act, as passed by the Legislature, is the result of a careful examination of the subject by the committee in all its bearings upon the pecuniary interests of the Synod.

The committee first conferred with a number of members of the Church, and others, belonging to the legal profession, on the leading features of a charter which would be adapted to the present and probable future wants of the Synod; and then held a meeting to agree upon the principles which were to be embodied in it. This being done, we applied to several competent gentlemen of the bar to write out the charter in proper form according to our directions; but not succeeding, as such a work required a good deal of labor, the chairman was under the necessity of undertaking it himself. In the use of technical language we were guided in a great measure by the Act incorporating the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, which we consulted, and to some of whose features the charter now presented to Synod is conformed, as the relative position of the General Assembly in 1799, when the act of incorporation was obtained, seems to have been very similar to that of the Synod of the German Reformed Church at the present time. After the charter was written out we handed it to an experienced member of the Lancaster bar, who read the document critically, suggested a few modifications as to the use of legal phraseology, and pronounced all its provisions and restrictions good and consistent with existing laws.

Another meeting of the committee was then held and the entire charter unanimously adopted. By giving personal attention to the matter, we succeeded in having the Act passed in both Houses without amendments or delay; Hon. Bertram Schaffer, of Lancaster, taking it in hand in the Senate, and the

Hon. James Nill, of Franklin county, in the House of Representatives.

We think it unnecessary to give the reasons for the peculiar features of the Act of incorporation in writing. We prefer doing this, by permission, in an oral statement.

Expenses incurred $18,00, of which $12,00 have already been paid by the Treasurer of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

E. V. GERHART, *Chairman.*

The charter procured by the committee was accepted, and is as follows :

AN ACT

To incorporate the Trustees of the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States.

WHEREAS, The Ministers and Elders forming the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States, consisting of citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, and of others of the United States of America, have represented that, by donations, bequests, or otherwise, of charitably disposed persons, they are possessed of moneys for benevolent and pious purposes, and the said Ministers and Elders have reason to expect farther donations for similar uses, but from the scattered situation of the said Ministers and Elders, and other causes, the said Ministers and Elders find it very difficult to manage the said funds in the way best calculated to answer the intention of the donors; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That Rudolph F. Kelker, Thomas H. Leinbach, William Heyser, Amos H. Kremer and Daniel W. Gross, and their successors duly elected and appointed, in manner as is hereinafter directed, be and they are hereby made, declared and constituted, a corporation and body politic and corporate, to have continuance forever, by the name, style and title of "Trustees of the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States," and by the name, style and title aforesaid, shall forever hereafter be persons, able and capable in law, as well to take, receive and hold, all and all manner of lands, tenements, rents, annuities, franchises and other hereditaments, which at any time or times, heretofore have been granted, bargained, sold, enfeoffed, released, bequeathed, devised or otherwise conveyed to, or acquired by the said Ministers and Elders of the Synod of the German Reformed Church, in the United States, or any other person or persons, to their use, or in trust for them, and the same lands, tenements, rents, annuities, liberties, franchises, and other hereditaments, including personal property,

are hereby vested and established in the said corporation and their successors forever, according to the original use and intent for which such devises, bequests, gifts and grants were respectively made, and the said corporation and their successors are hereby declared to be seized and possessed of such estate and estates therein as in and by the respective grants, bargains, sales, enfeoffments, release, bequests, devises and other conveyance thereof is or are declared limited or expressed; also, that the said corporation and their successors, at all times hereafter, shall be capable and able to purchase, have, receive, take, hold and enjoy in fee simple, or of lesser estate or estates any lands, tenements, rents, annuities, franchises and other hereditaments, by the gift, grant, bargain, sale, alienation, enfeoffment, release confirmation or devise of any person or persons, bodies politic and corporate capable and able to make the same; and further, that the said Ministers and Elders, under the corporate name aforesaid, and their successors, may take and receive any sum or sums of money, and any portion of goods and chattles that have been given to the said Ministers and Elders, or that hereafter shall be given, sold, leased, devised or bequeathed to the said corporation, by any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, that is able or capable to make a gift, sale, bequest or other disposal of the same, such money, goods or chattles to be laid out and disposed of for the use and benefit of the aforesaid, agreeably to the intention of the donors, and according to the objects, articles and conditions of this act.

Sect. 2. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no misnomer of the said corporation and their successors shall defeat or annul any gift, grant, devise, bequest to or from the said corporation: *Provided*, The intent of the party or parties shall sufficiently appear upon the face of the gift, will, grant or other writing, whereby any estate or interest was intended to pass to or from the said corporation.

Sect. 3. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said corporation and their successors shall have full power and authority to make, have and use one common seal, with such device and inscription as they shall see fit and proper, and the same to break, alter and renew at their pleasure.

Sect. 4. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said corporation and their successors, by the name, style and title aforesaid, shall be able and capable in law, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any Court, or before any Judge or Justice, in all and all manner of suits, complaints, pleas, matters and demands, of whatsoever nature, kind and form they may be, and all and every matter and thing to do in as full and effectual a manner as any other person or persons, bodies politic and corporate within this Commonwealth may or can do.

SECT. 5. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said corporation and their successors shall be and hereby are authorized and empowered to make, ordain and establish by-laws and ordinances, and do everything incident and needful for the support and due government of the said corporation, and managing the funds and revenues thereof, *Provided*, The said by-laws be not repugnant to the Constitution and laws of the United States, to the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth, to this act, or to the Constitution, laws and regulations of the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States.

SECT. 6. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said corporation shall consist of five persons, neither more nor less, who shall be members of the German Reformed Church, and continue to be members of the said corporation for the term of five years each, the term of office to end always on the first day of January and the said Synod of the German Reformed Church shall annually change one-fifth of the said board or corporation, in such manner as to the said Synod shall seem proper, but the same person may not be re-elected until after he shall have ceased to be a member of the said board or corporation for at least one year: *Provided, however*, That the aforesaid Trustees, namely, Rudolph F. Kelker, Thomas H. Leinbach, William Heyser, Amos H. Kremer and Daniel W. Gross, shall continue in office as follows: One of them until the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, one until the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, one until the first day of January one thousand eight thundred and sixty-three, one until the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, and one until the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five; these different terms of office to be distributed by lot or otherwise by the said corporation among themselves at their first meeting; and further, if the place of any member of the said corporation be made vacant by death, resignation or otherwise, it shall be the duty of the remaining members of the said corporation, at the first meeting held at which such vacancy shall become known, to elect and appoint a person who is a member of the German Reformed Church to the office of Trustee, or a member of the said corporation, who shall, however, hold office only for the unexpired term of the member creating such vacancy, and the person thus elected by the said corporation shall not be re-eligible by the Synod aforesaid until after he has ceased to be a Trustee for the period of at least one year; and further, if the Synod aforesaid fail during any year to change one-fifth of the members of this board or corporation, then the vacancy occurring on the first day of January, according to the provisions and restrictions of this act, shall be filled by

the said corporation, and the person thus elected and appointed shall be a member of the said corporation for the term of five years,

SECT. 7 And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the corporation aforesaid shall have power and authority to manage and dispose of all monies, goods, chattels, lands, tenements and hereditaments and other estate whatsoever, committed to their care and trust by the said Synod of the German Reformed Church, but in cases where special instructions for the management and disposal thereof shall be given by the said Synod, in writing, under the hand of their clerk, it shall be the duty of the said corporation to act according to such instructions: *Provided*, The said instructions shall not be repugnant to the Constitution and laws of the United States, or the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth, or to the provisions and restrictions in this act contained.

SECT. 8. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said corporation shall and may have a President, a Vice President, who shall also be the Secretary or Clerk, and a Treasurer; the President and Vice President to be chosen by the said corporation out of their own number as often as they shall see proper, and according to the rules by them to be prescribed, but the Treasurer to be elected annually by the said Synod, from among the members of the said corporation, in such manner as to the said Synod shall seem proper, and the same person shall be re-eligible to the office of Treasurer by the said Synod from year to year, so long as he continues to be a member of the said corporation. And the said corporation shall have authority to appoint such other officers and servants as shall by them, the said corporation, be deemed necessary, to all of which officers the said corporation, may assign such a compensation for their services, and such duties to be performed by them, to continue in office for such time and to be succeeded by others in such way, the Treasurer being excepted, conformably to the provisions of this act, as the said corporation shall direct.

SECT. 9. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That three members of this board or corporation, whereof the President, or, in his absence, the Vice President, shall be one, shall be a sufficient number to transact the business thereof, and to make by-laws, rules and regulations: *Provided*, That previous to any meeting of the board or corporation for such purposes not appointed by adjournment, ten days notice shall be previously given thereof by a circular, sent by mail or otherwise, to each member of the corporation.

SECT. 10. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said corporation shall keep regular and fair entries of their proceedings, and *a just account* of their receipts and disbursements, *in a book or books to* be provided for that

purpose, and their Treasurer shall once in every year exhibit to the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States, an exact state of the accounts of the corporation.

SECT. 11. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said corporation may take, receive, purchase, possess and enjoy messuages, houses, lands, tenements, rents, annuities and other hereditaments, real and personal estate, of any amount not exceeding ten thousand dollars yearly value, but the said limitations not to be considered as including the annual collections and voluntary contributions made in the churches under the care of the said Synod of the German Reformed Church.

W. C. A. LAWRENCE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JNO. CRESSWELL, JR.,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED, The thirtieth day of March, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine.

WM. F. PACKER.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH,
Harrisburg September 29, *A. D.* 1859

PENNSYLVANIA, *ss:*

{L. S.} I do hereby certify that the foregoing and annexed is a full, true and correct copy of the original Act of the General Assembly as the same remains on file in this office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand, and caused the Seal of the Secretary's Office to be affixed the day and year above written.

WM. M. HIESTER,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

A committee, consisting of the Rev. Franklin W. Kremer, Charles F. McCauley, and Elder Rudolph F. Kelker, was appointed to propose such action as may be called for by the foregoing charter. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee appointed to present to Synod such items in the act incorporating its Board of Trustees as claim its immediate attention, respectfully report the following:

1. The election of a Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.
2. The transfer of all the real and personal estate, together with all papers and documents belonging to Synod, to the said Board of Trustees.

They also beg leave to make to Synod the following suggestion:

1. That the Treasurer be required to give security in the

sum of $——— to the Board of Trustees, and that the bond be placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk of Synod for safe keeping.

2. That the Board shall annually offer to Synod the names of two individuals, whom they shall deem suitable candidates for the office of Trustee: Provided, however, that Synod in its choice shall not be confined to the Board's nomination; the election to take place on a different day from the one on which the Synod chooses its various other Boards, and to be conducted by ballot.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. KREMER, *Chairman.*

William Heyser, Esq., was unanimously chosen Treasurer of said Board of Trustees.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be tendered to Elder William Heyser, for the faithful manner in which he has, for a number of years, discharged his duties as Treasurer of Synod.

The Classis of Mercersburg, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested Synod to take preparatory steps towards a proper celebration of the Third Centennial of the formation and adoption of the Heidelberg Catechism, which will take place in 1863. The request was acceded to, and the Rev. Henry Harbaugh, John W. Nevin, D. D., D. Gans, Thomas G. Apple, and Elder Goldsboro S. Griffith, were appointed a to committee carry the object into effect.

The same Classis recommended to Synod to order the preparation of a critical standard edition of the Heidelberg Catechism in the original German and Latin, together with a revised English translation and a historical introduction, to be published in superior style, as a Centennial edition in 1863. The recommendation was adopted, and a committee of seven, consisting of the Rev. Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D., John W. Nevin, D. D., Henry Harbaugh, John S. Kessler, D. D., Daniel Zacharias, D D., and Elders William Heyser and Rudolph F. Kelker, was appointed to carry the contemplated object into effect.

The same Classis recommended to Synod, as another contribution towards such a centennial celebration, to order the preparation and publication of a digest of the Minutes of Synod, presenting a complete, yet condensed constitutional history of our Church in this country from the first Synodical meeting in 1746 to the present time. The recommendation was adopted, and a committee of seven, consisting of the Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D. Henry Harbaugh, Benjamin Bausman, Joshua H. Derr, Prof. Theodore Appel, and Elders William Heyser and John Rodenmayer, was appointed to carry it into effect.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the profits of authorship arising out of the publication of the Tricentennial edition of the Heidelberg Catechism, and the Digest of the Minutes of Synod be equally divided between the authors of said works and the Synod, during the first term of the copy right.

The Committee on the Child's Catechism submitted their report. It was received, and after considerable discussion, recommitted with a view to amendment. It was subsequently submitted again amended as suggested. The report was received, and the Catechism prepared by the committee was read. After considerable discussion the question was taken on the adoption of the Catechism, and lost. The report, together with the Catechism, was then referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. Benjamin S. Schneck, D. D., Franklin W. Kremer, and Thomas G. Apple, and Elders John Rodenmayer and John P. Hassler, with instructions to report a minute on the subject.

The following resolutions were offered, and referred to the same committee:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare a question book for the Heidelberg Catechism, something after the order of the Sunday School Union Question books, retaining the fifty-two Lord's days in the whole.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare a Child's Catechism for such children as cannot read and such as just begin to read, something after the order of Brown's Small Catechism, including in it the Creed, the Ten Commandments and the Lord's Prayer, to be in accordance with the doctrines of the Heidelberg Catechism.

This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee appointed by Synod to report a minute expressive of its sense in the matter of the Catechism presented by the committee of last year, herewith report:

That, the understanding of the committee as to the exact nature and character of the Catechism, based upon the instructions accompanying their appointment, led them to suppose, that it was to be, not a mere *Question Book* for very small children, but for children and youth, suitable for that large class found in families and Sabbath Schools. As it now appears, however, that many of the members of Synod, were led to expect a work of the former character, basing their expectation upon the action of Synod three years ago: Therefore

Resolved, That whilst this Synod highly appreciates the truly excellent work of the committee, which has been laid before it,

it is not deemed expedient under the present circumstances, to publish that Catechism.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be, and hereby are tendered to the committee for their great care and labor in the preparation of this work.

The same committee to whom were referred certain resolutions in regard to a Child's Catechism, would recommend the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare a Child's Catechism for such children as cannot read and such as just begin to read, something after the order of "Brown's" small Catechism, including in it the Creed, the Ten Commandments and the Lord's Prayer, to be in accordance with the doctrines of the Heidleberg Catechism, and report to the Synod in 1860.

Respectfully submitted.

B. S. SCHNECK, *Chairman.*

The following persons were appointed the committee called for in this report: Rev. Henry Harbaugh, Daniel Gans, Thomas G. Apple, Theodore Appel, and Elders John Rodenmayer and William Heyser. It was further

Resolved, That this committee be instructed to prepare the proposed Catechism as soon as possible and have it published in the "German Reformed Messenger,"

A memorial was received from the Second German Reformed Church of Reading, Pa. It was made the order of the day at the opening of the afternoon session of the fifth day of the sessions. At the time appointed, it was taken up and after some discussion, it was

Resolved, That the memorial be referred to a special committee.

The Rev. Samuel Philips, John H. A. Bomberger D. D., William H. Groh, and Elders Goldsboro S. Griffith and Thomas Butz were appointed this committee. The committee submitted their report, which was received, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

The committee on the memorial from the Second German Reformed Church in Reading, beg leave to report:

That although the Classis within whose bounds the congregation lies would be the proper body to which this paper, with the important interests it represents, should be referred, and it would be undesirable, by receiving it, to establish a precedent by which similar appeals might be invited in future; yet there are peculiar circumstances attending this case, which justify us in making it an exception.

The case is one which, in the opinion of your committee, has special claim upon our sympathy. It involves the important movement of establishing a *second* Church of our prin-

ciples and name, in a community in which we have had a foothold for a century. The disastrous policy which has been almost uniformly pursued in such instances, constitutes a mournful page in our denominational history. That page would tell of the claims of children neglected by us, and of the declension of many local churches in consequence of such neglect. It would bear confounding testimony against our penurious remissness, and furnish other denominations with overwhelming grounds of accusations against us, for imposing upon their liberal zeal, work which we were bound to do. This is, mainly the reason, why in German communities, English churches exist, of various persuasions, and some of them larger and more flourishing than our own. Old established congregations have cultivated a spirit of selfishness, which has stood in the way of Colonization and Church Extension, until some foreign and less contracted policy was introduced, and the result has been greater loss to the parent Church of the place, than if it had branched out and established another congregation of its own name. To our Church would not properly belong the saying of the prophet—Sing, O barren that didst not bear! She has born children enough, only they have in the great majority of cases been daughters, which soon assumed another name, and joined themselves to a household dissevered from the parent's interests, if not hostile to them. This is true not only of Reading, but of nearly all the larger towns and cities in which our Church established itself at an early day. And it is high time, (if indeed not already too late,) that our older churches awake to the pressing importance of confirming and enlarging their influence and operations, by encouraging in every possible way, the organization of a new congregation, out of their super-abundant material.

In regard to the particular case before us, it is obvious that the church in question is entitled to efficient aid. Indeed its circumstances are such, that unless it receive immediate relief, there seems to be no escape for it from instant bankruptcy. A heavy burden of debt has been carried for years, until the membership of that church feel themselves completely prostrated by the load. It is only in their extremity that they have cried to us for help.

At the same time, we are glad to be able to report, as the result of our conference with the respected Pastor of the First Church and the Elder from that congregation, present at this Synod, that they are ready to acknowledge the claims of the Second Church upon their kindest feelings and liberal aid. They have avowed an earnest desire to see the new interest relieved of its distressing embarrassment, and their belief that the members of the parent congregation will now assist that interest to the extent of their ability. So far from repudiating the claims of the Second Church, their chief regret seems to be

that the degree of monetary pressure now suffered in their community, may render it impossible for their friends to contribute to this object as liberally as they otherwise would.

In view of the whole case, therefore, we would recommend the following action.

1. This Synod herewith express its deep interest in the efforts that have been made to establish a Second German Reformed Church in the city of Reading, and trusts that whatever difficulties may now embarrass it, they will speedily be removed.

2. The First Church in Reading is hereby affectionately requested to make immediate exertions in aid of the new interest, and especially to relieve it in its present difficulties, by assuming the payment of so much of the debt of said church, as would equal the sum of $2500. We believe that by a general and cordial effort the First Church might either raise that amount, or become in some way responsible for it.

3. We recommend this new interest to the immediate attention of the Classis of Lebanon, trusting that it will be careful not to suffer so important a movement to fail merely for the want of a few thousand dollars.

4. The second church of Reading is commended to the favorable consideration of the Church at large, with the hope that its appeals for help will meet with a liberal response.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL PHILIPS, *Chairman.*

In connection with the action of Synod on the foregoing report, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to visit the First Church at Reading, with a view to secure the sum promised to the Second Church.

The committee consists of the Rev. Thomas H. Leinbach, Franklin W. Kremer, and Elder Jonathan Klopp. The Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, D. D., was subsequently added to the committee.

At the commencement of the sessions of Synod, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take notes of the proceedings of Synod for publication from day to day and to prepare a list of delegates in attendance, with their places of sojourn while in Harrisburg.

Resolved, That the Rev. Joshua H. Derr, Henry Harbaugh, and Elder Rudolph F. Kelker, be a committee to carry out the objects of the above resolution, with authority to employ a phonographic reporter, in case they deem it necessary.

Resolved, That places be provided for the special accommodation of the reporters.

A communication was received from the Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum near Harrisburg, inviting the members of Synod to visit that institution. It was

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to communicate to the Superintendent of the Asylum, the thanks of the members of this Synod, for the kind invitation extended to them.

The Committee on Nominations submitted their report at the time prescribed by the standing rule of Synod. Their report was received and adopted. The election was ordered to take place on the morning of the fourth day of the sessions at 10 o'clock, and the Stated Clerk was instructed to have the necessary number of copies of the nominations printed for the use of Synod. At the time appointed, the election was held. The Rev. William Goodrich and Lewis A. Brunner were appointed tellers, who superintended the election and reported the result as found stated under their respective heads.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, to be called the Committee on Leave of Absence, through whom all applications for leave of absence from the sessions of Synod shall be made, with the understanding, that this committee shall not give a favorable recommendation to the Synod from any one except for weighty reasons, which by them shall be deemed satisfactory.

The Rev. Benjamin S. Schneck, D. D., Samuel Gutelius, and Elder Rudolph F. Kelker, were appointed this committee, who reported from time to time during the the continuance of the sessions.

On the morning of the fifth day of the sessions, it was

Resolved, That during the remaining sesions of Synod, no member shall be allowed to speak more than five minutes on any question coming before Synod.

On the morning of the sixth day of the sessions, it was

Resolved, That evening sessions be hereafter held during the present meeting.

The following statement from the Widows Fund Association was presented, and ordered to be inserted in the Minutes:

Society of the Fund for Relief of the Ministers and Widows of deceased Ministers of the German Reformed Church.

Various meetings of this Society were held during the sessions of Synod, during which the following items of business were transacted:

1. The following Board of Trustees was elected by ballot: Rev. John Rebaugh, J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., Albert Helfenstein, E. V. Gerhart, D. D., S. Gutelius, A. S. Leinbach, E. Heiner, D. D., B C. Woff, D. D., and Joshua H. Derr.

2. Officers.—The following officers were elected:

President—Rev. John Rebaugh.

Vice President—

Secretary—Rev. Joshua H. Derr.

Treasurer—Rev. Bernard C. Wolff, D. D.

An examination of the various documents relating to the funds of the Society, show, that these amount to about $3,200,00.

The object of this society is, to raise a fund, safely invest it in mortgages and bonds on real estate, or other good securities, and the proceeds are divided yearly among such ministers who have become unable to fulfill the functions of the ministry and thus unable to live by the Gospel; and among the widows of deceased ministers of the German Reformed Church.

The conditions of membership in this Society are, the payment of an initiation fee of five dollars, and after that a yearly contribution of three dollars.

The following resolutions were adopted:

CHRISTIAN UNITY.

Resolved, That this Synod has observed with pleasure the apparently earnest agitation among several Evangelical Churches, of the subject of Unity among all who love the Lord Jesus Christ and hold the essential articles of the faith once delivered to the saints.

Resolved, That the German Reformed Church occupies the same position in reference to this important subject, which our Church at first assumed, more than three centuries ago, and, as we have no barriers in the way of the "Communion of Saints," but have ever been ready to extend the hand of fraternal fellowship to all ministers and members of Evangelical Churches, as our common brethren in the Lord,—we hereby openly declare ourselves still ready to second any proper measures that may be adopted for the consummation of the desired unity among the members of the Body of Christ.

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Synod all effective movements towards this desired end, must be preceded by a

sincere conviction and confession of the sin of schism, which has caused the unhappy sectarian divisions which have so long distracted our common Christianity, and must grow out of a hearty longing after true inward communion among Christians, as the only real bond of external unity.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, there is now before the people of our land a movement in opposition to that Christian observance of the Lord's day, which has hitherto distinguished us as a nation, therefore

Resolved, That the Synod of the German Reformed Church hereby utters its solemn testimony against this movement as calculated not only to undermine the foundation of our free institutions, which rest greatly on the virtue and piety of the people, but also at war with the physical, mental, and moral good of our citizens.

Resolved, That our ministers be requested at such times and in such ways as they may regard suitable, to enlist the interest of our people anew in favor of the proper observance of the day of rest, with all its high and holy privileges.

ARTICLE XXII.

Resumption and Close.

Resolved, That this Synod will long remember the kind and Christian reception given them by the pastor, congregation and citizens of Harrisburg, at its present annual sessions among them, and pray that the promises left on record in God's word, to those given to hospitality, may be happily realized by them, and that the pastor be requested to read this resolution to his people, and also request its publication in the papers of the place.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be requested to tender the thanks of the members of this Synod to the Superintendents and officers of the Cumberland Valley, Pennsylvania Central, Northern Central, and Reading and Lebanon Valley rail-roads, for permitting them to pass over their respective roads at half fare.

The roll was called, and the following persons were found absent without permission: Rev. Julius Kurtz, N. S. Aller, Samuel Philips, William Philips, Franklin J. Mohr, William Goodrich, Ephraim Kieffer, and Elders Samuel Utt, Philip Hoover, John F. Pontius, Simon Lantz, and Jacob Sechler.

The minutes were read and adopted.

ARTICLE XXIII.

Adjournment.

In connection with the fixing of the time and place for holding the next annual meeting, the request of the Classis of Maryland reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, to make the next annual meeting a General Synod, was taken into consideration. It was

Resolved, That inasmuch as the year 1863 will be the tricentennial anniversary of the adoption of the Palatinate Liturgy and Heidelberg Catechism, it is deemed inexpedient to authorize a General Synod until that time.

It was then

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet in the German Reformed church, Lebanon, Pa., on the third Tuesday of October, A. D., 1860, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod was dismissed with prayer and the apostolic benediction by the President.

PHILIP SCHAFF, *President.*

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original Minutes,

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

Ministers.	Congreg.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Unc. Mem.	Baptized.	By Confir.	By Certif.	Communi.	E-comm.	Dismiss.	Deaths.	S. School.	Post Office Addresses.
C. G. Herman,	6	Kutztown, &c.,	1460	1500	114	54		770			43	10	Maxatany, Berks county, Pa.
Joseph S. Dubs,	5	Allentown, &c.,	2100	2200	190	100		1538			97	11	North White Hall, Lehigh co. do
John Zülich,	5	Jacob's, &c ,	700	750	135	57		565			48	16	Stinesville, do do
William A. Helfrich,	8	Ziegel, &c.,	2100	2000	164	70		1893			73	8	Fogelsville, do do
J. S. Herman,	8	Coxtown, &c.,	1540	1530	200	35	10	1405		4	35	8	Kutztown, Berks county, do
Charles Becker,	7	Chesnut Hill, &c.,	400	420	115	37		280			56	9	Fennersville, Monroe county, do
C. G. Eichenberg,	7	Weisport, &c .	615	830	173	41		814			40	5	Weisport, Carbon do do
Cyrus J. Becker,	3	Catasaqua, &c.,	675	800	115	54	2	450			46	5	White Hall, Lehigh do do
Alfred J. Herman,	4	Jerusalem. &c.,	676	800	100	59		400			20	5	Maxatany, Berks do do
D. F. Brendle,	5	Farmersville, &c.,	685	800	86	29		500			45	5	Bethlehem, Northampton co. do
Isaac K. Loos,	4	Mount Bethel, &c.,	810	780	90	87	1	454			27	8	Richmond, do do do
John Beck,	1	Easton,	552	500	53	31	4	475			21	1	Easton, do do do
Joshua H. Derr,	1	Allentown,	435	300	37	44	4	250		1	28	1	Allentown, Lehigh county, do
Levi K. Derr,	2	Tamaqua, &c.,	425	400	108	15		375			44	2	Tamaqua, Schuylkill do do
Daniel Y. Heisler,	3	Bethlehem, &c.,	730	675	48	39	16	501		5	29	3	Bethlehem, Northampton co. do
E. W. Reineke,	3	Plainfield, &c.,	760	800	22	56		577			16	4	Nazareth, do do do
F Strassner,*	3	Wilkesbarre, &c.,	123	125	12			98		2	1	3	Wilkesbarre, Luzerne do do
John Gantenbein,*	5	Kreidersville, &c.,	1200	1300	80	66		900			40	6	Petersville, Northampton do do
John W. Lesher,		(Teaching,)											Easton, do do do
W. R. Hofford,‡		(Licentiate,)											Allentown, Lehigh do do
Vacant	2	Saucon and Freemansburg,	450	450	30			280			20	3	Freemansburg, do do do
do.	1	Williams township,†	100	100	15			80			12	2	
do.	2	Hamilton and Cherry Valley,	150	100	10			80			10	2	Saylorsburg, Monroe do do

* Lately taken charge. † Served by Rev. D. Rodrock of the Classis of Goshenhoppen. ‡ Principal of the Allentown Seminary.

CLASSIS OF LEBANON.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Unconf'd Members.	Baptized.	By Confirmation.	By Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	Post Office Addresses.
Philip Mayer,		Without charge,											Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, Pa.
John Gring,	4	Fredericksburg, charge,	400		58	43		84			21	5	Fredericksburg, Lebanon do do
Thomas H. Leinbach,	7	Tulpenhocken do	1500		149	56		965			34	6	Meyerstown, do do do
Isaac Miese,	6	Bern do	1387		118	77		1200	1		43	10	Lower Bern, Berks do do
Augustus L. Herman,	8	Hamburg do	1090		240	96		1090			49	12	Reading, do do do
Franklin W. Kremer,	2	Lebanon do	937	935	80	55	23	600	9		24	2	Lebanon, Lebanon do do
Aaron S. Leinbach,	2	1st church, Reading, &c.,	1125		226	63	5	925	3		114	3	Reading, Berks do do
Henry Wagner,	4	Orwigsburg charge,	207		35	32	5	207	7		17	5	Orwigsburg, Schuylkill do do
Jacob D. Zehring,	6	Host charge,	1170	896	159	67		780			28	10	Bernville, Berks do do
Abraham Romich,	3	Jonestown charge,	304	304	44	13		210			9	3	Jonestown, Lebanon do do
William A. Good,	3	Bernville do	321	605	37			250			4	6	Reading, Berks do do
Jacob Klein,	5	Minersville do	750	852	181	44		652			56	6	Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill co., do
Jonathan E. Heister,	5	Palmyra do	400	301	27	23		296			8	4	Annville, Lebanon county do
Charles F. McCauley,	1	2nd church, Reading,	200	250	30	10	18	190			9	3	Reading, Berks do do
Joseph H. Apple,	1	Emanuel charge,	77		13			77			4	1	Hamburg, do do do
Samuel Miller,		Supply of Pottsville, &c.,				20							Lebanon, Lebanon county, do
Vacant,		Tremont charge,											

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

Ministers.	Congreg.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Unc. Men	Baptized.	By Confir	By Certif.	Communi	Excomm.	Dismiss.	Deaths.	S. School.	Post Office Addresses.
C. G. Herman,	6	Kutztown, &c.,	1460	1500	114	54		770			43	10	Maxatany, Berks county, Pa.
Joseph S. Dubs,	5	Allentown, &c.,	2100	2200	190	100		1538			97	11	North White Hall, Lehigh co. do
John Zülich,	5	Jacob's, &c ,	700	750	135	57		565			48	16	Stinesville, do do
William A. Helfrich,	8	Ziegel, &c.,	2100	2000	164	70		1893			73	8	Fogelsville, do do
J. S. Herman,	8	Coxtown, &c.,	1540	1530	200	35	10	1405		4	35	8	Kutztown, Berks county, do
Charles Becker,	7	Chesnut Hill, &c.,	400	420	115	37		280			56	9	Fennersville, Monroe county, do
C. G. Eichenberg,	7	Weisport, &c .	615	830	173	41		314			40	5	Weisport, Carbon do do
Cyrus J. Becker,	3	Catasaqua, &c.,	675	800	115	54	2	450			46	5	White Hall, Lehigh do do
Alfred J. Herman,	4	Jerusalem, &c.,	676	800	100	59		400			20	5	Maxatany, Berks do do
D. F. Brendle,	5	Farmersville, &c.,	685	800	86	29		500			45	5	Bethlehem, Northampton co. do
Isaac K. Loos,	4	Mount Bethel, &c.,	810	780	90	87	1	454			27	8	Richmond, do do do
John Beck,	1	Easton,	552	500	53	31	4	475			21	1	Easton, do do do
Joshua H. Derr,	1	Allentown,	435	300	37	44	4	250		1	28	1	Allentown, Lehigh county, do
Levi K. Derr,	2	Tamaqua, &c.,	425	400	108	15		375			44	2	Tamaqua, Schuylkill do do
Daniel Y. Heisler,	3	Bethlehem, &c.,	730	675	48	39	16	501		5	29	3	Bethlehem, Northampton co. do
E. W. Reineke,	3	Plainfield, &c.,	760	800	22	56		577			16	4	Nazareth, do do do
F Strassner,*	3	Wilkesbarre, &c.,	123	125	12			98		2	1	3	Wilkesbarre, Luzerne do do
John Gantenbein,*	5	Kreidersville, &c.,	1200	1300	80	66		900			40	6	Petersville, Northampton do do
John W. Lesher,		(Teaching,)											Easton, do do do
W. R. Hofford,‡		(Licentiate,)											Allentown, Lehigh do do
Vacant	2	Saucon and Freemansburg,	450	450	30			280			20	3	Freemansburg, do do do
do.	1	Williams township,†	100	100	15			80			12	2	
do.	2	Hamilton and Cherry Valley,	150	100	10			80			10	2	Saylorsburg, Monroe do do

* Lately taken charge. † Served by Rev. D. Rodrock of the Classis of Goshenhoppen. ‡ Principal of the Allentown Seminary.

CLASSIS OF LEBANON.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Unconf'd Members.	Baptized.	By Confirmation.	By Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	Post Office Addresses.
Philip Mayer,		Without charge,											Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, Pa.
John Gring,	4	Fredericksburg, charge,	400		58	43		84			21	5	Fredericksburg, Lebanon do do
Thomas H. Leinbach,	7	Tulpenhocken do	1500		149	56		965			34	6	Meyerstown, do do do
Isaac Miese,	6	Bern do	1387		118	77		1200	1		43	10	Lower Bern, Berks do do
Augustus L. Herman,	8	Hamburg do	1090		240	96		1090			49	12	Reading, do do do
Franklin W. Kremer,	2	Lebanon do	937	935	80	55	23	600	9		24	2	Lebanon, Lebanon do do
Aaron S. Leinbach,	2	1st church, Reading, &c.,	1125		226	63	5	925	3		114	3	Reading, Berks do do
Henry Wagner,	4	Orwigsburg charge,	207		35	32	5	207	7		17	5	Orwigsburg, Schuylkill do do
Jacob D. Zehring,	6	Host charge,	1170	896	159	67		780			28	10	Bernville, Berks do do
Abraham Romich,	3	Jonestown charge,	304	304	44	13		210			9	3	Jonestown, Lebanon do do
William A. Good,	3	Bernville do	321	605	37			250			4	6	Reading, Berks do do
Jacob Klein,	5	Minersville do	750	852	181	44		652			56	6	Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill co., do
Jonathan E. Heister,	5	Palmyra do	400	301	27	23		296			8	4	Annville, Lebanon county do
Charles F. McCauley,	1	2nd church, Reading,	200	250	30	10	18	190			9	3	Reading, Berks do do
Joseph H. Apple,	1	Emanuel charge,	77		13			77			4	1	Hamburg, do do do
Samuel Miller,		Supply of Pottsville, &c.,				20							Lebanon, Lebanon county, do
Vacant,		Tremont charge,											

CLASSIS OF ZION.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Unc. Mem'b.	Baptized.	By Confirma.	By Certificate.	Communicants	Dismissed.	Excommunica.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	Post Office Addresses.	
Daniel Ziegler,	6	Creutz creek charge,	615	400	90	43		582			35	4	York, York county,	Pa.
Jacob Sechler,	5	Littlestown, do	1000	500	64	38		650			50	2	Littlestown, Adams county,	do
Frederick W. Vandersloot,	5	Windsor charge,	365					350					York,	do
Daniel Riegle,	5	Dillsburg charge,	350	200	40	55		347			18	4	Dillsburg, York do	do
Amos H. Kremer,	1	Carlisle,	220	192	18	21		220	1		11	1	Carlisle,	do
George Leidy,													do	do
Jacob Ziegler,	4	Conowago,	295	200	53	12		290	4		20	4	Gettysburg,	do
William C. Bennett,													Boiling Springs, Cumberland co	do
Samuel Kuhn,	6	Bloomfield charge,	356	463	26	11	3	265	1	3	8	6	Bloomfield, Perry county,	do
David Bossler,	5	York charge, (German)	250	300	30	5	1	149			10	4	York,	do
Emanuel H. Hoffheins,	5	Abbottstown charge,	525	350	52	24	6	510			12	6	Abbottstown,	do
Jacob O. Miller,	1	York (English)	400					275					York,	do
Daniel Gring,	6	Shrewsbury charge,	440	300	64	40	2	410		2	25	6	Shrewsbury,	do
David Hefelfinger,	4	Newville charge,	190	125	6	1		120			3	1	Newville,	do
T. P. Bucher,*	3	Gettysburg charge,	500	300									Gettysburg,	do
Julius Kurtz,	4	Emanuel's charge,	450	325	54	21		400			22	3	Hanover,	do
John Ault,	2	Sulpher Spring,	155	175	15	29		140			2	3	Carlisle,	do
W. K. Zieber,*	2	Hanover charge,	500	400				460					Hanover,	do
W. M. Reily,													Berlin, Prussia, Europe.	
Vacant,	3	Landisburg charge,	708	800	120	18	4	635	10		21	10	Landisburg, Perry do	do
do	3	Zions do												
do	4	Mechanicsburg charge,	140	100	9	17		90			1		Mechanicsburg, Cumb. co.,	do

* Recently taken charge.

CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

Ministers.	Cong.	Congregations or Charges.	Memas.	U. Mem	Baptis.	Confir.	Certif.	Comm.	Dism.	Excom	Deaths	S. Sch.	Post Office Addresses.	
Elias Heiner, D. D.,	1	First church, Baltimore,	320	270	30	27	3	320	5		17	2	Baltimore,	Md.
Vacant,	1	Second do do											do.	do
John S. Foulk,	1	Third do do	210	143	17	34	9	191	2		8	1	do.	do
Vacant,	1	Fourth do do	400		261	37	123	500			104	1	do.	do
Daniel Zacharias, D. D.,	1	Frederick City,	437	561	54	16	6	401	6		27	2	Frederick City,	do
George W. Glessner,	1	Middletown,	440	343	28	12	3	385	4		14	4	Middletown, Frederick co.	do
Samuel H. Giesy,	2	Hagerstown charge,	220	259	32	15	5	180	7		8	1	Hagerstown, Washington co.	do
Mortimer L. Shuford,	2	Mount Moriah charge,	120	62	15	7	2	111			7	2	Sharpsburg, do, do	do
Henry Wissler,	6	Manchester do	590	569	53	28		475			35	6	Manchester, Carroll do	do
Walter E. Krebs,	2	Emmittsburg do	385	200	20	11	5	250	4		5	2	Emmittsburg, Frederick do	do
Joseph W. Santee,	4	Cavetown do	390	195	39	20		380			3	3	Cavetown, Washington co.	do
William F. Colliflower,	3	Jefferson do	316	300	29	31	2	275			4	4	Jefferson, Frederick co.	do
Moses A. Stewart,	1	Burkettsville do	185	85	16	15		175			1	1	Burkettsville, Frederick co.	do
	1	Silver Run* do	475	530	18			280				1	Silver Run, Carroll co.	do
Charles Cast,	1	Second church, Hagerstown,	130	50	11	2	8	130	8		6	1	Hagerstown Washington co.	do
John Kuelling,	1	St Johns' church, Frederick,	195	146	20	4		165			5	1	Frederick City,	do
Lewis A. Bruner,	3	Boonsboro' charge,	300	200	22	7		200	1		17		Boonsboro, Washington co,	do
Jesse Steiner,	4	Glade charge,	372	348	26	20	2	372	1		5	2	Walkersville, Frederick co.	do
	2	Clearspring charge,†	130	175	10	6	5	100			6	2	Clearspring, Washington co.	do
Gustavus E. Gramm,	1	Fifth church, Baltimore,	225	77	21	23	20	225	5		11	1	Baltimore City,	do
Henry J. Comfort,	4	Mechanicstown charge,	230	180	20	23	2	160	4		4	1	Mechanicstown, Frederick co.	do
John G. Fritchey,	5	Taneytown charge,	375	350	54	17	8	320	5		10	5	Taneytown, Carrol do	do
Benjamin Schneider, D. D.,		Foreign Missionary,											Aintab, Syria.	
Frederick A. Herzberger,	1	St Johns', Washington, D. C.											Washington City,	D. C.
Robert Douglas		Without charge,											Shepherdstown, Jefferson co.	Va.
William H. Zimmerman,		Without charge,											Frederick City,	Md.
George L. Staley,		Mt. Washington F. College,											Mt. Washington, Baltimore co.	do

* Supplied by the Rev. Jacob Sechler, Littlestown, Pa. † Supplied by Rev. J. Rebaugh, Greencastle, Pa.

CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

Ministers.	Congre.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	U. Memb.	Baptisms	Confirm.	Certif.	Commun.	Excom.	Dismiss.	Deaths.	Sab. Sch.	Post Office Addresses.
John H. Crawford,	3	Middlebrook,	161		9	6		161		4		1	Middlebrook, Augusta co., Va.
John C. Hensell,	5	Rockingham,	200		26	55		200		7		4	Mt. Crawford, Rocking'm co. do
Henry St. John Rinker,	4	Mill Creek,	230		31	19	1	230		4		4	Hamburg, Shenandoah co. do
George W. Aughinbaugh,	2	Central,	35					35				2	Edenburg, do do do
Daniel Feete,	3	Woodstock,	180		19	20	3	180		1		4	Woodstock, do do do
Daniel G. Bragonier,	2	Martinsburg,	133		21	5	3	133		3	3	1	Martinsburg, Berkley do do
J. M. Titzel,	2	Shepherdstown and Winchester,	138		2	11	2	138		2	1	2	Shepherdstown, Jeffer. do do
George H. Martin,	1	Loudon,	108		9	8	1	108				1	Lovettsville, Loudon do do
Charles Cast,	1	Martinsburg, (German.)	121		30	12		121		10	10	1	Hagerstown, Wash. do Md.
Vacant,		Pendleton,											

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Ministers.	Congr.	Charges or Congregations.	Memb.	U. Mem	Baptis	Confir.	Certif.	Comm.	Dismis	Excom.	Deaths	S. Sch.	Post Office Addresses.
George Boger,		No charge,											Klutt's Tanyard, N. C.
John Lantz,	3	Newton,	157		20	16					21	1	Newton, do
David Crooks,	2	Lincolnton,	154	99	12	27					3		Lincolnton, do
G. William Welker,	3	Guilford,	305	313	27	9	1				6	1	Brick Church, do
Jeremiah Ingold,	3	Catawba,	99	90	7	1					2		Lincolnton, do
Thornton Butler,	8	East Rowan,	280		35	6					32		Gold Hill, do
Samuel J. Fetzer,	2	West Rowan,	262	296	8	1							Eufaula, do
P. Alison Long,	8	Davidson,	312	130	18	17							Midway, do

Vacant: Newton; Friendship 24 members Stoner's 40 members.

Ministers.	Congregatl.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	U. Members.	Baptisms.	By Confirm.	By Certific.	Communic.	Excommunt.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sab. School.	Post Office Addresses.
Samuel Helfenstein, D. D.,		No charge.											Gwynedd, Montgomery co., Pa.
Samuel Helfenstein, Jr.,		do											Blue Bell, do do do
John S. Ermentrout,		do											Norristown, Montgomery co., do
Charles Lukens,		do											Frankford, Philadelphia co., do
George D. Wolff,		do											Norristown, Montgomery co., do
Charles W. Schultz,		do											
John R. Kooken,		do											
E. M. Long,		do											Norristown, Montgomery co., do
John H. A. Bomberger, D. D.,	1	Philadelphia,	277	420	24	19	18	277		6	3	2	Philadelphia, do
Nicholas Gehr,	1	Zions,	556	758	26	22	42	481		32	15	1	Kensington, Philadelphia co., do
John Gantenbein,	1	Bethel,	400	500	40	9		400			9	2	do do do do
J. G. Wichle,	1	Salem,	574		153	29	107	722			42	3	Philadelphia, do
Samuel G. Wagner,	2	Böhms,	170		10	3	2	150			2	1	Blue Bell, Montgomery co., do
Jesse B. Knipe,	2	Pikeland,	150		10	4		150				3	Chester Springs, Chester co., do
Alfred B. Shenkle,	2	Trappe,	466	18		19	1	394			11	3	Trappe, Montgomery co., do
William Sorber,	4	Brownbacks,	263		2	49	1	263			6		East Vincent, Chester do do
N. S. Aller,	2	Pleasantville,	165			3	4	165			2	1	
do do sup.,	1	St. Peters,	61			5	1	61				1	
William G. Hackman, sup.	1	Wentz',				26						1	
Samuel G. Wagner, sup.	1	Whitemarsh,	124		4	8		80		1		1	
Jesse B. Knipe, sup.	1	East Vincent,	110		6			110				1	
P. Seibert Davis,	1	Norristown,	150			10	1	120				1	Norristown, Pa.

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

Ministers.	Cong.	Congregations or Charges.	Membs	Un. M	Baptis.	Confir.	Certif.	Comm.	Dism.	Excom	Dea.	S. Sch.	Post Office Addresses.
Philip Schaff, D. D.,		Professor in Theological Seminary,											Mercersburg, Franklin county, Pa.
Bernard C. Wolff, D. D.,		do do do											do do do do
Samuel R. Fisher, D. D.,		Editor of the Ger. Ref. Mess.,											Chambersburg, do do do
Benjamin S. Schneck, D. D.,	1	German cong., Chambersburg,	60	79	7		7	60			2		do do do do
John Rebaugh,	1	Middleburg charge,	100	225	18	8	6	90	2		10	1	Greencastle, do do do
Samuel Philips,	1	Chambersburg charge,	340	307	28	44	23	310	7	4	6	1	Chambersburg, do do do
Frederick A. Rupley,	1	Shippensburg charge,	150	100	18	17	16	140	2		4	1	Shippensburg, Cumber. do do
Theobald Fouse,	6	Woodcock Valley charge,	425	600	50	37	7	402	4		10	4	James Creek, Hunting. do do
Henry Heckerman,	5	Bedford charge,	460	400	39	18	3	440	2		10	4	Bedford, Bedford do do
Jacob Hassler,	3	Martinsburg charge,	152	140	13	9	6	140			1	1	Martinsburg, Blair do do
William M. Deatrick,	3	Yellow Creek charge,	175	224	39	16	9	162	2		2	2	Pattonsville, Bedford do do
Henry W. Super,	2	Waynesboro' charge,	250	160	33	15	4	200			7	1	Waynesboro', Franklin do do
Samuel H. Reid,	2	Huntingdon charge,	220	250	25	10	3	220			1	3	Huntingdon, Huntingdon do do
Nicholas E. Gilds,	5	St. Clairsville charge,	560	715	68	37	5	500	5		15	4	St. Clairsville, Bedford do do
Joseph Hannaberry,	4	Strasburg charge,	156	150	12		1	110				2	Schellsburg, do do
Charles F. Hoffmeier,	2	Friend's Cove charge,	250	300	19	14		220	1		9	2	Charlesville, do do
Isaac G. Brown,	2	Mercersburg charge,	170	149	27	5	9	157	2		5	2	Mercersburg, Franklin do do
Thomas G. Apple,	1	Greencastle charge,	332	320	18	38	3	268	3		24	2	Greencastle, do do do
John G. Wolff,	3	McConnellsburg charge,	105	93	22	14	15	91	2		5	3	Alexandria, Huntingdon do do
Daniel M. Giles,	2	Loudon and St. Thomas charge,	235	175	4		1	210	2		4	2	St. Thomas, Franklin do do
Aaron Wanner,	4	Grindstonehill charge,	242	175				178				2	Chambersburg, do do do
Vacant,	3	Waterstreet charge,	300	308	24	4		260	3		1	3	
Frederick A. Scholl,		Superannuated.											Greencastle, do do do
Jacob Mayer,		Without charge,											Columbia, Lancaster do do
William D. C. Rodrock,		do do											Fayettville, do
Joshua Riale,		Missionary in Iowa.											Lisbon, Linn do Iowa.
Benjamin Bausman,		Associate Editor of the Messenger.											Chambersburg, Pa.

Without charge—Joseph S. Loos. *Licentiates*—Jeremiah M. Mickley, C. Beecher Wolff.

CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

Ministers.	Cong.	Congregations or Charges.	Memb.	U. Mem	Baptis.	Confir.	Certif.	Comm.	Excom.	Dismis	Deaths	S. Sch.	Post Office Addresses.
Daniel Zeller,		Superannuated,											Allentown, Lehigh county, Pa.
John A. Strassburger,		do											Sellersville, Bucks do do
John D. Kessler, D. D.,	3	Upper Milford, St. Peters, &c.	160		25	11		160			8	2	Allentown, Lehigh do do
Daniel Weiser,	2	New Goshenhoppen and Swamp,	860	1000	86	24	6	849				4	Pennsburg, Montgm. do do
Peter S. Fisher,	3	Tohickon, Indianfield, &c.,	1125		86	24		735			44	5	Sellersville, Bucks do do
Samuel Hess,	5	St. Paul's, Jerusalem, &c.,	800		88	53		719			53	6	Hellertown, Northam. do do
Lewis C. Herman,	1	Lobachs,											Upper Hanover, Montg'y. co do
William Philips,	2	Reiglesville and Upper Tinicum,											Easton, Northampton county do
William G. Hackman,	1	Towamencin,	60		1	5		46		3	2	1	Kulpsville, Montg'y do do
N. S. Strassburger,	4	Pottstown, Amity, Limerick, &c.,	725	680	66	23		624			42	6	Pottstown, do do do
A. L. Dechant,	4	Keelers, Boyerstown, &c.,	500	600	63	50		485		1	23	6	Frederick, do do do
A. J. G. Dubs,	5	Saucon charge,	850		108	51		610		1	61	7	Allentown, Lehigh do do
Robert A. Van Cort,	6	Falkoner Swamp, &c.,	715		12	55		715			9		New Hanover, Montg'y do do
David Rodrock,	4	Durham, Tinicum, &c.,											Ottsville, Bucks do do
A. S. Vaughan,		Missionary at Doylestown,											Doylestown, do do do
Vacant,	2	Ridge Road, Zions, &c.,											
do	1	Hilltown,											
N. S. Aller, (supply.)	1	New Hilltown,											
D. F. Brendle, do	1	New Williamstownship,	140		49	21		94			12	1	
W. A. Good, do	1	Pricetown,											
Vacant,	1	Baumstown,											

CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

Ministers.	Con.	Congregations or Charges.	Mem	U.M	Bap	Con	Cer.	Com	Exc	Dis	Dea	S. S.	Post Office Addresses.	
Henry Harbaugh,	1	First church, Lancaster,	356		47	11	7	356		2	16	1	Lancaster city,	Pa.
Isaac S. Demund,	1	Second do do	120		5	5	1	112	1	4	1	1	do do	do
Daniel Gans,	1	Salem, Harrisburg,	198	166	6	9	2	128		2	3	2	Harrisburg,	do
Isaac Gerhart,													Lancaster,	do
John W. Hoffmeier,	4	Millersville charge,	139		39	12		139			11	3	do	do
Daniel Hertz,	7	Ephrata charge,	260	200	60	28		260	3		43	2	Ephrata, Lancaster county,	do
John V. Eckert,	3	New Providence charge,	198		52	39		144			7	5	New Providence, do	do
Martin A. Smith,	5	Hummelstown charge,	290		41	31	1	215		4	9	4	Hummelstown, Dauph. co.,	do
Albert Helffenstein, Jr.,	1	Maytown,											Maytown,	do
Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D.,		President F. and M. College,											Lancaster,	do
Thomas C. Porter,		Prof. in do do do											do	do
Theodore Apple,		do do do do											do	do
John W. Nevin, D. D..		Without charge,											do	do
J. Naille,	3	Elizabethtown,	142					96					Elizabethtown, Lan. co.,	do

Without charge—Albert Helffenstein, Sr. : Manheim sup. by I. E. Graeff and W. T. Gerhard.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

Ministers.	Congr.	Congregations or Charges.	Membs	U.Mem	Baptis.	Confir.	Certif.	Comm.	Excom.	Dismis.	Deaths	S. Sch.	Post Office Addresses.	
Diedrich Willers,	4	Fayette,	275		41	25		275			16	2	Fayette, Seneca county,	N. Y.
John F. Busche,	1	New York city,	142		100	10		142				1	New York city,	do
John Lichtenstein,	1	Buffalo,	507		42	14		385			9		Buffalo,	do
William Meyer,	1	Tonawanda,	231		46	15		189			18	1	Tonawanda, Erie co.,	do
Lewis B. Schwartz,	1	Boston,											Boston, Mass.	
T. Grosshüsch,	1	Rochester,											Rochester, New York.	
C. Lohr,	2	Elizabethtown,	77		28	13		80			1	1	Elizabethtown, N. J.	

CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Unc. Members.	Baptisms.	By Confirmation	By Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunicated	Dismissed.	Deaths	Sabbath Schools.	Post Office Addresses.
Isaac Shellhammer,	4	Union,	217	270	57	15		130			13	4	Black Creek, Luzerne county, Pa.
Rudolph Dünger,	3	Ashland,	160	170	25	13		150			14	4	Fountain Spring, Schuylkill co., do
William Goodrich,	6	Bloomsburg,	500	425	46	60	11	450	1		23	6	Orangeville, Columbia county, do.
Nathaniel E. Bressler,	7	Armstrong Valley,	371	325	47			297			21	6	Fisherville, Dauphin do do
Albert G. Dole,	1	Milton,	160	180	18	8	8	150		8	3	1	Milton, Northumberland do do
Jared Fritzinger,	7	Mahony,	500	400	72	30		418			25	12	Greenbrier, do do do
Henry Hoffman,	7	Briarcreek,	220	100	15	13		210			9	3	Berwick, Columbia do do
George Wolff,	4	Paradise,	680	700	60	58	34	640	7	30	17	4	Limestoneville, Montour do do
David W. Wolff,	4	Danville,	210	130	32	15	8	175		5	7	3	Danville, do do do
John B. Pörner,	10	Conyngham,	454	543	100	37		407			35	9	Hazleton, Luzerne do do
C. Z. Weiser,	1	Selinsgrove,	160	250	27	20	12	130		6	9	1	Selinsgrove, Snyder do do
Ephraim Kieffer,	7	Lykens Valley,	500	700	50	53		400			32	8	Millersburg, Dauphin do do
C. A. Rittenhouse,	4	Shamokin,	225	265	55	4	3	184			19	3	Shamokin, Northumberland do do
John W. Steinmetz,	5	Sunbury,	480	340	43	35	12	350	1		12	5	Sunbury, do do do
Vacant,	6	Berrysburg,	200	160									Berrysburg, Dauphin do do

CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

Ministers.	Conga.	Congregations or Charges.	Membs.	Unc. M	Baptis.	Confirm	Certif.	Comm.	Excom.	Dismis	Deaths	S. Sch.	Post Office Addresses.
Jonathan Zellers,		No charge,											Lock Haven, Clinton county, Pa.
Daniel S. Tobias,	4	Rebersburg,	350		34	42		350			22	8	Rebersburg, Centre do do
Adolph B. Caspar,	4	Middlecreek,	150		40	18		124			20	4	New Berlin, Union do do
Henry Wiegand,	7	Nippanose,	418		19	72	6	348			2	5	Road Hall, Lycoming do do
William R. Yearick,		No charge,											Walker, Centre do do
Samuel Gutelius,	5	Freeburg,	248		63	13	7	243	1	1	4	5	Freeburg, Snyder do do
F. J. Mohr,	4	Williamsport,	270		36	19	40	230		6	10	1	Williamsport, Lycoming do do
D. G. Klein,	3	Bellefonte,	133		11	9	1	133		1	2	3	Zion, Centre do do
John C. Bucher,	1	Mifflinburg,	225		25	16	4	221		5	4	1	Mifflinburg, Union do do
L. C. Edmonds,	5	Aaronsburg,	400	500	41	62	14	400	2	15	5	6	Aaronsburg, Centre do do
W. H. Groh,	5	Boalsburg,	408	346	44	51	6	372		6	28	7	Boalsburg, do do do
H. Daniel,	2	Liberty Valley,	247	300	16			148			17	2	Liberty, Tioga do do
G. W. M. Schultz,	6	Beaver Dam,	440		90	36	1	318			18	19	Middlecreek, Snyder do do
H. Aurand,		No charge.											New Berlin, Union do do
C. H. Leinbach,	2	Lewisburg,	a298					290					Lewisburg, do do do
P. A. Schwartz,	4	Nittany,	246	450	15		7	230			10	5	Hublersburg, Centre do do
Vacant,	1	Union congregation,*	110		4	10		110				1	
do	1	New Berlin† do	185		5	11		133			5		
do	2	Eden and Salem‡ do	77		8	9		77					
do	1	St. Peters‖ do	28			15		28					
do	1	Messiah §											
do	1	Centreville¶ do											
do	2	Laurel Run and Quays°											

* Supplied by Rev. A. G. Dole; † C. Z. Weiser; ‡ W R. Yearick; ‖ A Committee; § A Committee; ¶ Rev. A. B. Caspar;
° Connected with Mifflinburg charge. a Last year's report, with the addition of Dreisbach's congregation approximately.

CLASSIS OF CLARION.

Congrega.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Unc. Mem.	Baptisms.	Confirma.	Certificate.	Communic.	Excommuni.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schols.	Post Office Addresses.
3	Sagertown,	211		14	32	5	201			4		Sagertown, Crawford co., Pa.
8	Mercer,	321		107	49		309				3	Meadville, do do do
3	West Greenville,	400		25	13	10	395		5	6	3	West Greenville, do do do
3	Harmony,	170		15			140			1	2	Harmony, Butler do do
2	Fairview,	250		41	10	5	200		3	6	1	Brady's Bend, Armstr. do do
2	South Bend,	180		35	6		147			1	1	South Bend, do do do
5	Rimersburg,	320		50	18	19	270		8	4	5	Curlsville, Clarion do do
4	Luthersburg,	225					210				3	Punxatawny, Jefferson do do
5	Petersburg,	451	600	49	65		446			8	2	Lamertine, Clarion do do
4	Tylersburg,	130					88					
4	Redbank,	267		41	57		155			10	5	
3	Kittaning,	150										
	Superannuated,											West Greenville, Mercer co., do
	Without charge,											Rimersburg, Clarion do do
	do do											Meadville Crawford do do
	dd do											Hamburg Mercer do do

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Memb.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunicated.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.
East Pennsylvania Classis,	20	105	16686	17160	1897	874	37	12185		12	751	117
Lebanon do	16	57	9868	4143	1397	599	51	7784		20	420	76
Zion do	19	74	7471	5130	647	330	16	5893	5	16	238	54
Maryland do	23	49	6395	5046	796	355	203	5595		52	297	43
North Carolina do	8	26	1633					1633				
Virginia do	9	23	1310	146	146	136	10	1310		14	31	20
Philadelphia do	17	17	3466	1696	275	206	177	3373		39	90	21
Mercersburg do	29	51	4682	4870	464	286	118	4158	4	37	116	40
Goshenhoppen do	15	48	5935	2280	584	317	6	5037		5	254	38
New York do	7	11	1232		257	77		1071			34	5
Lancaster do	17	30	1703	366	250	135	11	1490	4	12	90	18
East Susquehanna do	14	76	5037	4958	560	391	87	4301	9	49	229	69
West Susquehanna do	16	61	4533	1596	451	383	86	3760	3	34	139	67
Clarion do	13	46	3075	600	377	250	39	2561		16	40	25
Total,	223	674	72726	47991	8101	4339	841	60151	25	306	2729	593
SYNOD OF OHIO AND ADJACENT STATES. Ten Classes.	143	385	14450	2379	2911	1927	574	17209	6	188	643	179
Total of the two Synods. Classes 24.	366	1050	87176	50370	11012	6266	1415	77350	31	494	3372	772

SYNOD

Of the German Reformed Church of Ohio and adjacent States.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION FOR 1859.

God's all ruling presence is indicated in the events and conditions of his Church. With a deep sense of this truth, we now turn to view his glory as revealed in her religious life. As a Synod we are again permitted to look upon this "bush that is burning," yet unconsumed. Contemplating it, we devoutly recognize Him, who is the giver of all good, in his merciful dealings towards us during the year that is past. Whilst our number as fellow-laborers in the vineyard of our Lord is increased, but one has fallen at our side.

With Christian sorrow we are called to record here the death of an aged and venerable father in Israel. Father G. Weisz, we can number amongst us no more. He has been called since our last annual meeting, from his lengthened labors on earth, to his everlasting reward in heaven. His hand assisted in founding our Zion in the wilds of the West, nor did it cease from toiling till her structure was reared to adorn and endear the scene of our labors. The seed *he* assisted in sowing has yielded the fruit that *we* are permitted to gather. With reverence we cherish his name, whilst we record his life with those that are the "*fathers of the Church.*"

1. In representing the State of Religion, we would but reflect the sentiments expressed in the reports from the various Classes within our bounds We are warranted from these to affirm that *the State of Religion is advanced.*

An evidence of this is found in the *Church extension*, which is frequently presented to our notice. This prerogative of the kingdom of God, and which has ever been an evidence of its supernatural origin and constitution, and which is so clearly expressed in the words "Go ye and *make* all nations to my disciples," has marked her past year's history. Not only is it evinced in the considerable accessions to old congregations, but also in the establishing of many new ones, and their prosperous condition. The preached word has not been ineffectual, and the many fields presented which "are white for the harvest" have not all remained unentered. Though the laborers have not been sufficient, yet the prayers to the Lord of the harvest that he might send laborers therein have not been unanswered. Charges are more generally supplied with ministers, and a number have been found to respond to calls from entirely missionary fields.

Another evidence is found in the *Church's increased zeal and activity.* In harmony with Her *divine institution*, the pres-

ence of Her ever-living Head is manifest in the *doing* of the Father's will, so that she may stand acknowledged as His, in the verification of the promise, "Lo I am with you alway."—The reviving influence of saving grace through the divinely constituted means, is more clearly reflected in the lives and actions of those who are its subjects. An inward life, showing itself outwardly in a truly Christian deportment, and in a constantly renewed activity in *doing* the will of God, may well challenge, both the admiration and confidence of men. The increased earnestness in the worship and service of God, is attended with its legitimate consequences. These are presented to view in the increased liberality and effort to spread the Redeemer's kingdom, and to win souls unto Him. The various instrumentalies for the accomplishment of these ends, have been more effectually employed. The increased attendance upon the means of grace as well as the increased use of our religious literature, and also the increased contributions to our missionary operations and literary institutions, are all indications of a healthy and permanent growth.

A third evidence is found in the attention given to the *Church's proper religious life.* The proper form through which the divine presence as a life moves and acts, is being more clearly recognized, and its heavenly beauty more admired and correctly appreciated. That a specific life cannot exist in any or every form, or *without a form at all,* is a truth more generally felt and acted upon. Hence there is necessarily more thought bestowed upon the importance of a continuous identity—a growing dislike to become anything else from that which the Church in her true character has *always been.* This is apparent (theoretically at least, if not practically,) in the use and account made of our venerable symbol of Faith, the Heidelberg Catechism, as the form expressive of her anciently true and continuous life. To bring this specific life to assume and pervade its own specific form, as to some extent it has, demands increased attention to be bestowed upon the young, especially upon the children of the Church. This, after all, must be found to be the proper soil to cultivate in order to make sure of an abundant harvest. The more thoroughly and successfully this work is performed, the more is accomplished by our labors in the vineyard of the Lord.

2. But to reflect truthfully the sentiments of the Classical Reports, another side of the Religious State remains to be presented. We are again warranted in affirming that there is not only room, but *an urgent necessity for the State of Religion to be improved.*

The treasure of the Divine life, through grace is imparted to earthen vessels—the burning bush is growing on earthly soil. "Make all nations to my disciples," implies a process wrought in the material of a sin-ruined world. Short-coming, therefore,

marks the condition of the Church now as *alway*. The clearer the light of Christ's life shines forth, the darker are the shadows thrown out from the life of the world. Often the want of a truly Christian life on the part of those professedly Christian, militates against the advancing glory of Christ's kingdom among men. Not only does this lifelessness permit those involved in this inconsistency, to neglect the cultivation of individual and family piety, but produces an inefficient and even improper impression upon the world. Regarding only the *absence* and not the *presence* of the transforming power of our holy religion, many are led to neglect the Christian's privilege here, and forfeit the Christian's heritage hereafter.

Also, an undue attachment to the interests of this life, is seen to weaken the aspirations after the good things of the "world to come." Involved and entangled in inferior interests, due attention is not given, and due effort is not put forth to further the interests of Christ's kingdom. Hence its progress in outward form, as also in inward character, is greatly retarded. The want of a more general and truly Christian liberality to sustain our missionary and educational operations is seriously felt. These are especially *now* the channels through which the Church is called to accomplish her work, and the evil so frequently brought to notice can not but seriously affect her true interest and her progress.

Finally, this is seen to carry along with it another, and perhaps the greatest hindrance, namely, an insufficiency of ministerial labor. The word of life at many points is but seldom dispensed, and the ineffectual attempts to supply it to destitute places, is a sadening indication of failing to do that which ought to be done for the advancement of the cause of Christ, and for the salvation of souls. The clearest utterance of the indwelling life of the Church is the "preached word," and just in proportion to the deficiency here, there will be a deficiency of a convincing apprehension of the Christian religion on the part of men. Never, perhaps, for our Church, was there a time when the prayer to the Lord of the harvest was more earnestly required than now, that he might send laborers into his harvest.

In conclusion, we are forcibly reminded from the consideration of the *Religious State* of the Church, that there is demanded at our hands, earnest and faithful labor in the service of our Divine Master. And further, that our "labor in the Lord" is not in vain, and hence, can take new courage for the future, knowing that it is the will of God to have his kingdom prevail over all.

The promise is again verified, as it ever must be, "Lo I am with you alway even unto the end."

Respectfully submitted,

S. MEASE, Chairman.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

MIAMI CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congr.	Congregations or Charges.	M. not Confir.	M. Con	Comm.	Baptis	Confir.	Certifi.	Dismis	Deaths	Sab. Sc	Contri. to Benevole. objects.	Post Office Address.
1 D. Winters,	4	Mount Zion,		466	440	59	76	10	7		4	$60,75	Dayton.
2 T. H. Winters,	1	Cæsar's creek,		125	120	26	44	4	6	2	1		Xenia.
" "	2	Hlghland,		250	245	46	80	16		5	2	46,00	
3 P. C. Prugh,	2	Xenia,	113	213	189	33	27	26	1	9	2	169,00	Xenia.
4 A. H. Baines,	3	Fairfield,	2	228	228	20	40		18	4	2	124,82	Fairfield.
5 G. W. Williard,	2	Dayton, First church,	130	180	160	22	35	19	2		3	225,28	Dayton.
6 H. Rust,	1	Cincinnati, First church,	193	305	295	83	12	25	7	4	1	180,88	Cincinnati.
7 J. Vogt,	3	New Madison,		132	112	22	18	14		2	3	4,50	New Madison.
8 I. H. Reiter,	3	Miamisburg,	170	232	210	32	15	7	6	5	2	150,00	Miamisburg.
9 S. Mease,	1	Cincinnati, Second church,	20	31	28	5	3	2	1	1	1		Cincinnati.
10 G. Z. Mechling,	4	Seven Mile,		129	125	13	32	10	5	6	2	43,25	Seven Mile.
11 J. Richards,	6	Union,			300	82	106	2	3	20	5	82,10	St. Paris.
12 A. Wanner,	4	Germantown,		210	150	14	1	1	2	9	1	40,00	Chambersburg, Pa.
13 A. C. Kendig,	3	West Alexandria,	66	261	233	69	104	15	3	5	2	20,00	West Alexandria.
14 C. Saure,	1	Cincinnati, Third church,	115	194	211	57	7	74		24	1	52,13	Cincinnati.
15 J. M. Lefever,	3	Darke county charge,			49	4	8		1	3	2	32,00	Carrolton, O.
16 E. F. Loeders,	1	Dayton, Second church,		83	80	31		49		1	1	36,00	Dayton.
17 J. Weaver,	4	Mount Salem,			162	10	5	2	6	5	3	18,00	Pratt, Shelby county.
18 J. A. Leis,	1				53	15	9	4	3	12	1		Miamisburg.
19 J. McConnell,	4	Anna, Illinois, Union county,	89	83	83								Anna, Union county, Ill.
20 L. Rike, without char.,													West Alexandria.
21 J. Pence,													Tremont.
22 J. Stoneberger,													
23 S. K. Denius,													Germantown.
24 J. Kercher,													Lacon, Marshall county, Ill.
25 J. Dahlman,													

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

	Ministers.	Congregations.	Names.	Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Communicants.	Deaths.	Dismissed.	Sabbath Schools.	Contributed.	Post Office Address.
1	G. Weisz,		Superannuated,									Lancaster, Ohio.
2	I. S. Weisz,	4	Salem's, David's &c.,	250	31	28	215	12	19	2	$64,00	Lithopolis, Fairfield county, Ohio.
3	H. Williard,	2	Columbus, &c.,	56	19	10	53		5	2	20,00	Columbus, Ohio.
4	P. D. Schory,	1	Lancaster,									Lancaster, Ohio.
5	J. H. Buser,	4	Kinnickkinnik,	160	26	22	160	1	6	4	20,00	Oskaloosa, Iowa.
6	J. Ruhl,	2	Basil, &c.,	110	6	10	110	1	4	2	113,00	Basil, Fairfield county, Ohio.
7	J. B. Thompson,	2	Delaware, &c.,									Delaware, Ohio.
8	H. King,	3	Union charge,	152	25			3		3		Baltimore, Fairfield county, Ohio.
9	J. C. Henneman,	7	No report,	610	60	29	539	12		2	6,21	Piketon, Pike county, Ohio.
10	S. S. Rickly,		Without charge,									Columbus, Ohio.
11	C. W. Hoyman,	4	Somerset charge,	200	8	1	170	6	4	2	77,00	Somerset, Ohio.
12	J. C. Klar,	4	Tarlton, &c.,		23		108	13		1	50,00	Stoutsville, Ohio.
13	N. H. Loose,	4	Sugar Grove,	80	1			2	2	3		Sugar Grove.

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregati.	Congregations or Charges.	Bap. Mem.	Confirmed.	Communic.	Baptisms.	Confirma.	Certificate.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Contrib. for Benevolent purposes.	Post Office Address.
N. P. Hacke,	6	Greensburg, (German,)		670	670	81	40		4	21	3	$40,00	Greensburg, Pennsylvania.
H. E. F. Voigt,	8	Mount Pleasant,		367	367	47	10			8	7	18,00	Mt. Pleasant, do
Wm. Conrad,	4	Berlin,		297	250	16	21	6	4	6	3	30,62	Jenner Cross Roads, do
G. B. Russell,	1	Grace church,	56	74	74	12	10	12	7	1	2	185,00	Pittsburg, do
L. H. Keafauver,	4	Greensburg, (English,)	214	113	102	12	10	3		2	2	61,00	Greensburg, do
F. K. Levan,	6	Somerset,		380	358	30	40	8	3	6	3	15,00	Somerset, do
R. P. Thomas,	2	Salem,	200	204	198	21	23	8			1	30,00	Salem Cross Roads, do
A. B. Koplin,	5	Shade,	161	192	172	15	22			8	2	30,00	Elk Lick, do
Benjamin Knepper,	7	Wellersburg,		206	189	55	27	2		2	4	45,00	Wellersburg, do
G. A. Fickes,	4	Grantsville,	90	151	109	17	18		3	4	3	10,00	Fremont, Ohio.
William Wienel,	2	Superannuated,											Leechburg, do
J. J. Roemer,	4	German Mission,	66	104	104	7					1		Rochester, do
Vacant,		Beams' charge,											

SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congrega.	Names of Charges.	Members.	Communi.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	By Letter.	Dismissed.	Excommun	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Benevolent collections.	Number of Minutes.	Post Office Address.	
S. B. Leiter,	4	Tuscarawas,	166	166	18						4	$27,00	40	Navarre, Stark county,	Ohio.
Wm. McCaughey,	4	Navarre,	189	186	21	7	4	1		1	4	31,54	40	do do	do
Jesse Hines,	6	Savannah,	115	110	10	10	3	2		4	4	48,26	20	Nankin, Ashland do	do
P. J. Spangler,	8	Fulton,	350		35	82	3	12	1	4	4	60,00	40	Summit, Summit do	do
J. J. Excell,	4	Reedsburg,	115	80	4	5		1			2	40,00	45	Reedsburg, Wayne do	do
C. H. Reiter,	4	Carrolton,	155	112	6	9		1		4	2	30,00	40	Smithville, do do	do
C. Zwisler,	2	Congress,		75	21					1		4,50	15	Canfield, Mahoning do	do
H. Hess,		Shelby,			25	20				12		30,00	10	Shelby, Richland do	do
Jesse Schlosser,		Akron,												Akron, Summit do	do
L. Follett,		Without charge,												Nankin, Ashland do	do
D. G. Philips,		do do												Ashland, do do	do
H. Shaull,		do do												Leetown, Virginia.	

SHEBOYGAN CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregati.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Communi.	Bap. Memb	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Deaths.	Dismissed.	S. Schools.	Benevolent collections.	Post Office Address.
H. A. Mühlmeier.		Emanuel,	135	135	270	16	3	21	3	15	1	$15,00	Sheboygan, Wisconsin,
J. T. Kluge,		Zion,	75	65		9	6	7		2	1	8	do do
H. A. Winter,		Ebenezer,	108	99	212	11		7	4		2	6	Lowell, Dodge county.
J. Bossard,		Saron,	41	28	65	2		5			1		Sheboygan, Wisconsin.
J. J. Brecht.					100	5			1		1		Ashford, Fon du Lac co., Wis.

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congr.	Congreg'ns or Charges.	Membs	Comm.	Baptis	Confir.	By Let.	Dismis	Excom	Deaths	Sab. S.	Minutes of Synod. Eng.	Ger.	Benev. purpo.	Contri. for	Post Office Address.	
F. Rahauser,		Superannuated,															
R. Good,	3	Zion, Good Hope,	86	70	14						1	10			72,18	Tiffin, Seneca county,	Ohio.
J. H. Good,	2	Tiffin, Second church,	156	140	55	9	34	8		7	2		10		23,00	do do do	do
M. Stern,	5	Gallion charge,	470		80	43	30			18	2					Gallion,	do
H. J. Rutenick,		Editor Evangelist,													5,00	Tiffin,	do
J. Klingler,	3	Bethlehem charge,	44		57	15					1	10			25,00	Herring, Allen county,	do
W. K. Zieber,		Superintendent of Miss.														Tiffin,	do
H. Eschmeier,	1	Toledo,	120	120	15		7			8	1					Toledo,	do
J. G. Ruhl,	5	Marion charge,	216	216	38	6			1	10	2		25		95,34	Marion,	do
Eli Keller,	4	Bucyrus charge,	240	240	43	7				9	3				92,00	Bucyrus,	do
J. J. Escher,	5	Berwick charge,	240	237	67	5	2	6		4	2	10	50		126,00	Tiffin,	do
J. Knie,	2	Vermillion	120	82	31	21				7						Vermillion, Erie county,	do
M. Kieffer, D. D.,	1	Fort Seneca,	65	65	6	40		4				20	10		80,00	Tiffin,	do
C. Weiler,		Superannuated,														Gallion,	do
P. Joerris,	5	Upper Sandusky,	97	73	26		3			4						Upper Sandusky,	do
P. Roser,		St. Peter,														New Bremen,	do
E. E. Higbee,	1	Tiffin, First church,	150	80	5		3				1	24				Tiffin,	do
P. Tendick,	2	Windfall charge,	153		21	9				2	1	10				Attica, Seneca county,	do
J. Heller,	3	Fremont,	100	100	25	7	2	3	2			12				Fremont,	do
H. Kortheuer,	3	Findlay,	90	30	4	4				2	1					Findlay,	do
J. B. Kniest,	1	Sandusky,	35	20	6						1		13		5,21	Sandusky city,	do
D. W. Kelley,	3	Thompson,	214	154	17		5			5	1	18	6			Bellevue, Huron county,	do
D. H. Reiter,	6	Allen county charge,	220		12						3					Lima,	do
E. Brakefield,		Without charge,														Fremont,	do
C. Raths,	1	Ellmore,	37	21	13											Ellmore,	do
C. Banks,	3	St. John's,	123		25						1	2	4		15,00	N. Bavaria, Henry county,	do
W. Witzgall,		Licentiate,														do do	do
F. A. Edmonds,		Shelby,														Shelby,	do

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	By Letter.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	Contributed for Benevolent purposes.	Post Office Address.
J. H. Kline,	1	St. John's congregation,	140	170	27	11	25	10	10	1	$100,00	Ft. Wayne, Indiana.
W. Ellers,	2	Colon charge,	90	90	7				2	3		Colon, Michigan.
D. Lantz,		No Report,										Constantine, Michigan.
J. G. Kissell,	7	Union charge,	200	300	40	32	1		10	4		Auburn, Indiana.
W. B. Sandoe,		St. Joseph's charge,	210	210	48	37	3		23	1		Bryan, do
A. Shröder,	1	Detroit Mission,	62	62	10	4				2		Detroit, Michigan.
P. Vitz,		Adams county Mission,	41	41	6	2			2	1	9,00	Decatur, Indiana.
F. W. Wasnick,		Bush Creek charge,	150	150	34	13			8	3	20,00	Pulaski, Ohio.
T. Winter,		Superannuated,										West Alexandria.
—	2	Nerish charge,	105	105		10	23			2		
A. Butz,	2	Jefferson charge,	69	69	9		5	2		2		Pulaski, Ohio.
W. M. Reed,	3	Lafayette,	105	105	7	26	2	2			10.00	do do
E. Spangler,		No report,										Edgerton, Ohio.

INDIANA CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregatio.	Congregations or Charges.	Membs. Bap.	Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmations	Communic.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	Paroc. Sch.	Minutes of Synod. Eng.	Minutes of Synod. Ger.	Post Office Address.
G. H. Zumpe,	3	Zions, etc.,	140	134	25		184	16	1		1	25	Poland, Clay county, Indiana.
C. Pluss,		Lawrenceburg,			23	4		7				2	Lawrenceburg, do
John Blaetgen,	1	Vacant,		47	7	8	35	1	1	1			Evansville, do
M. G. I. Stern,	1	First G. R. ch., Indianapolis,		86	12	2	90	5	1	1	4	25	Indianapolis, do
August Tönsmeier,	1	First G. R. ch., Louisville,		80	30	10	80	3	1	1	45	6	Louisville, Kentucky.
C. Scheel,	2	Emanuel and Salem,		76	10		32		1	1		10	Vernon, Jennings county, Ind.
F. W. Steffens,	2	Vacant,		64	22		50	7	1	1	2	10	Terra Haute, Indiana.
J. D. Colliflower,	3	No Report,											Boundary City, Jay county, do
George Weber,		No Report,											Dayton, Indiana.

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congrega.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Communic.	Deaths.	Dismissed.	Certificate.	S. Schools.	Benevolent Collections	Post Office Address.
T. P. Decker,		Vacant,									$	Freeport, Illinois.
D. Kroh,	3	Cedarville,	100	5	2	100			12	1	5,00	Cedarville, Illinois.
J. Hoyman,	4	Orangeville,	218	52	88	218	6		24	4	11,000	Orangeville, Illinois.
F. C. Bauman,	3	Harmony,	63	14	6	63		4	4	1		Rockdale, Iowa.
H. Knepper,		Vacant,										Ogle Station, Indiana.
H. S. Baesler,	5	Foreston,	145	12		142	2			5	8,00	Foreston, Illinois.
H. Bentz,	1	Warsaw,	82	25	12	82				1		Keokuk, Illinois.

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congrega.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Communic.	Baptisms.	Confirma.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Contr. for Benevolent purposes.	Post Office Address.	
J. W. Hamm,	7	Manchester,		520	73	39	24	5	$51,00	Nimisilla, Summit county,	Ohio.
D. Kemmerer.	5	Wooster, charge,		409	98	36	16	2	232,57	Wooster, Wayne county,	do
P. Herbruck,	6	Canton charge,		797	136	59	40	4	88,61	Canton, Stark county,	do
J. G. Zahner,	5	Shanesville charge,		390	63	52	35	6	86,61	Ragersville, Tuscarawas co.,	do
R. Köhler,	2	Mt. Eton charge,		200	20		3		8,91	Mt. Eton, Wayne county,	do
G. Ziegler,	7	St. Peter's charge,		537	44	31	23	6	38,20	N. Georgetown, Columb. co.,	do
G. Rettig,	5	New Bedford,		280	72	53	23		19,50	New Bedford, Coshocton co.,	do
J. Ackeret,	2	Mt. Eton charge,							8,00	Mt. Eton, Wayne county,	do
J. B. Ruhl,	5	Canfield charge,		325	44	27	21	2	33,10	Canfield, Mahoning county,	do
E. H. T. Woehler,	3			160	9				10,00	Albion, Ashland county,	do
J. D. Gackenheimer,	4	St. Paul's charge,		170	15		4	1		Wiltshire, Van Wert county,	do
J. F. Engelbach,	3	Akron charge,		110	25		7	1	16,50	Akron, Summit county,	do
Vacant,	3	Calcutta charge,		128	22	7			10,00		
F. Wahl,	4	Springfield charge,		223	15	20			23,00	Poland, Mahoning county,	do
S. N. King,	3	New Lisbon charge,	159	126	15	12	3	2	21,75	N. Lisbon, Columbiana co.,	do
P. Becker,	6	St. Peter's charge,		184	36	4	4	3	28,36	Columbiana, Whitley co.,	Ind.
C. Fehr,	2	Youngstown charge,								Youngstown, Mahoning co.,	Ohio.
S. Seibert,	3	St. Peter's,		179	24	11	7		2,20	Canton, Stark county,	do
J. Rettig,	3	New Philadelphia,								New Philadelphia,	do

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SESSIONS.

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UNITED STATES,

AT

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LEBANON, PA., October 16th, 1860.

THE SYNOD OF THE GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES convened in accordance with the resolution of the last Synod, in the First German Reformed Church, Lebanon, Pa., on Tuesday evening, the 16th of October, A. D., 1860, at half past 7 o'clock. The opening sermon was preached by the President of the last Synod, the Rev. Philip Schaff, D. D., based upon the following passages of Scripture: Mark 7: 37, "*He hath done all things well.*" John 20: 28, "*And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.*" John 12: 26, "*If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honor.*"

At the close of the services, the Synod was called to order by the President, after which it adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at half past 8 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, October 17th, 8½ o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met and was opened with singing and prayer by the President.

The Synod proceeded to the making out of the Roll, when the following delegates presented their certificates of appointment and took their seats:

1.) *From the Classis of East Pennsylvania.*

Rev. Earnest W. Reinecke, Isaac K. Loos, and Joseph H. Dubs.

Elder.—Thomas Butz.

2.) *From the Classis of Lebanon.*

Rev. Jacob D. Zehring, Samuel Miller and Henry Wagner.

Elder.—Joseph T. Miller.

3.) *From the Classis of Zion.*

Rev. William K. Zieber and Amos H. Kremer.

Elders.—Stephen B. Kieffer, M. D., William A. Wilt and Henry Shriver.

4.) *From the Classis of Maryland.*

Rev. Elias Heiner, D. D., John S. Foulk, Walter E. Krebs and Henry I. Comfort.

Elders.—Isaac Cronise and David Zellers.

5.) *From the Classis of Philadelphia.*

Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, D. D., Samuel G. Wagner and John G. Wiehle.

Elders.—William Earnest and William Schlatter.

6.) *From the Classis of Virginia.*

Rev. * * * * * *

Elder.—John Souder.

7.) *From the Classis of North Carolina.*

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8.) *From the Classis of Mercersburg.*

Rev. Samuel H. Reid, Benjamin Bausman, Jacob Hassler, Nathaniel E. Gilds and Isaac G. Brown.

Elders.—John P. Reed, Esq., William Heyser, Esq., Charles Hartman and Hon. Henry Ruby.

9.) *From the Classis of Goshenhoppen.*

Rev. N. S. Strassburger, A. J. G. Dubs and Augustus L. Dechant.

Elder.—Henry Riegel.

10.) *From the Classis of New York.*

Rev. John F. Busche.

Elder.—George Bachman.

11.) *From the Classis of Lancaster.*

Rev. John W. Nevin, D. D., Emanual V. Gerhart, D. D., and Daniel Gans.

Elders.—William Orth and Rudolph F. Kelker.

12.) *From the Classis of East Susquehanna.*

Rev. George Wolff, David W. Wolff and Henry Hoffman.

Elders.—Col. William H. Frymire and Col. Daniel Follmer.

13.) *From the Classis of West Susquehanna.*

Rev. David G. Klein, Charles H. Leinbach and Jonathan Zeller.

Elders.—Philip Moyer, Joseph Jordan and Henry Stichler.

14.) *From the Classis of Clarion.*

Rev. Joseph G. Shoemaker, Henry F. Hartman and Samuel N. Callender.

Elder.—George S. Eisenhart.

15.) *From the German Reformed Synod of Ohio and adjacent States.* Rev. Samuel Mease.

The Synod proceeded to the election of Officers, whereupon the Rev. John W. Nevin, D. D., was chosen *President* by acclamation; the Rev. Jacob Hassler was chosen *Corresponding Secretary*, and William Heyser, Esq., *Treasurer*. The Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., is *Stated Clerk*.

CORRESPONDING BODIES.

The Rev. Henry S. Miller, delegate from the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States presented his credentials, and took his seat as a corresponding member.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

The following brethren appeared and took their seats as advisory members:

From the Classis of East Pennsylvania.—Rev. George B. Dechant, Levi K. Derr and Frederick Strassner.

From the Classis of Lebanon.—Rev. Franklin W. Kremer, Thomas C. Leinbach, and the Licentiate George R. Zacharias.

From the Classis of Zion.—Rev. Theodore P. Bucher.

From the Classis of Maryland.—Rev. George L. Staley, Jesse Steiner and Emanuel Boehringer.

From the Classis of Mercersburg.—Rev. John Rebaugh, Frederick A. Rupley, Joseph Hannabery, Henry W. Super, Thomas G. Apple, Philip Schaff, D. D., William M. Deatrick, Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., and the Licentiate John H. Wagner.

From the Classis of Lancaster.—Rev. Henry Harbaugh, D. D.

From the Classis of East Susquehanna.—Rev. Albert G. Dole and John B. Poerner.

From the Classis of West Susquehanna.—Rev. John C. Bucher and William H. Groh.

From the Classis of Clarion.—Rev. Lucian Cort and David B. Ernst.

From the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States.—Rev. Richard P. Thomas.

The Rev. Luther Farnham, one of the Secretaries of the Southern Aid Society, being present, an opportunity was afforded him to address the Synod on the nature, object, claims and doings of the Society he represents, of which he availed himself. The following resolution was thereupon presented and adopted:

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure, the statements of the Rev. Mr. Farnham, *concerning* the character and opera-

tions of the Southern Aid Society, and having confidence in the evangelical conservative principles on which it is based, and by which it appears to be regulated, recommend it to the sympathies of our Church, and shall rejoice in the successful prosecution of its important mission.

The President announced the following Standing Committees:

On Minutes of Synod.—Rev. Elias Heiner, D. D., John G. Wiehle, Henry F. Hartman, and Elders Philip Moyer and William Earnest.

On Overtures.—Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, D. D., Samuel N. Callender, Walter E. Krebs, and Elders Rudolph F. Kelker and Henry Shriver.

On Correspondence with Sister Churches.—Rev. John S. Foulk, Henry Wagner, Samuel Miller, and Elders David Zellers and William Orth.

On Minutes of Classes.—Rev. Amos H. Kremer, Joseph H. Dubs, Samuel G. Wagner, Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D., John S. Foulk, William K. Zieber, Henry I. Comfort, Samuel N. Callender, and Elders William Heyser and Rudolph F. Kelker.

On Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Rev. Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D., Charles H. Leinbach, N. S. Strassburger, and Elders Henry Ruby and George S. Eisenhart.

On the State of Religion and Statistical Reports.—Rev. Earnest W. Reinecke, Jacob O. Miller, George Wolff, and Elders William Heyser and Henry Riegel.

On the Theological Seminary.—Rev. Samuel H. Reid, Thomas H. Leinbach, Joseph H. Dubs, and Elders Stephen B. Kieffer and John P. Reed

On Missions.—Rev. William K. Zieber, John F. Busche, Samuel Mease, and Elders Daniel Follmer and Joseph Jordan.

On Finance.—Rev. Isaac G. Brown, Earnest W. Reinecke, Joseph G. Shoemaker, and Elders John Souder and Thomas Butz.

On Nominations.—Rev. Daniel Gans, Jacob D. Zehring, David G. Klein, and Elders Joseph T. Miller and William Schlatter.

On Publication.—Rev. Samuel G. Wagner, Isaac K. Loos, Jonathan Zeller, and Elders Rudolph F. Kelker and George Bachman.

The reading of the Minutes of the last annual sessions of Synod was called for, whereupon it was

Resolved, That the reading of the Minutes be dispensed with, and they be referred to the Committee on Minutes of Synod.

An invitation was presented from the Building Committee of the St. John's German Reformed Church of Lebanon, Pa.,

to participate in the services connected with the dedication of their church, to take place to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. It was

Resolved, That the Synod learns with pleasure of the erection of a second German Reformed church in Lebanon, and cheerfully accepts as a body, of the invitation to attend upon the consecration solemnities on to-morrow morning.

The Minutes of the Classes of Zion, Lebanon, Maryland, Philadelphia, Virginia, Mercersburg, Goshenhoppen, New York, Lancaster, West Susquehanna and Clarion, were received, and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the Reports on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, which were referred to the Committee on that subject.

The Minutes of the German Reformed Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, and of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States, were received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches.

A communication was received from Dr. Lewis H. Steiner, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

An opportunity was afforded the Rev. Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart, President of Franklin and Marshall College, to present a statement in regard to the condition and claims of the institution over which he presides, of which he availed himself. The Synod then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the subject to which its attention had just been directed, with the Rev. Amos H. Kremer in the chair. The subject was discussed. Before it was disposed of, the Synod adjourned until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Closed with prayer by the Rev. Daniel Gans.

WEDNESDAY, October 17th, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Opened with singing and prayer by the Rev. Luther Farnham.

The discussion in progress as a committee of the whole at the close of the morning's session, was continued. After some further discussion, it was resolved to report the following resolution to the Synod for adoption:

Resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed to confer with the Committee of Franklin and Marshall College to whom this subject has been committed, in regard to the important interests involved, and report such action as the circumstances of the case seem to require.

The committee arose and reported the resolution accordingly to Synod, which was adopted. The President appointed the following persons as the committee of conference: Rev. Dr.

Elias Heiner, Dr. John H. A. Bomberger, Daniel Gans, Samuel N. Callender, and Elders William Heyser, David Zellers, Dr. Stephen B. Kieffer and Daniel Follmer.

The Rev. George B. Russell, from the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, and the Rev. Isaac Gerhart, from the Classis of Lancaster, appeared and took their seats as advisory members.

The Rev. Jacob O. Miller, delegate from the Classis of Zion, the Rev. John M. Titzel, and Elder David Hoffman, delegates from the Classis of Virginia, Elders Samuel Siegfried and James Moore, delegates from the Classis of East Pennsylvania, and Elder Frederick Humrickhouse, delegate from the Classis of Maryland, appeared and took their seats.

The Rev. Thomas H. Leinbach, delegate *primarius* from the Classis of Lebanon, appeared, and took the seat occupied by the *secundus* the Rev. Henry Wagner.

The following report was received from the Committee on Minutes of Synod:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes beg leave to report the following items of unfinished business, as found in the Minutes of Synod of last year:

1.) On page 13, it was resolved, that our correspondence with the German Church Diet be continued,—Dr. Schneck was appointed chairman of a committee to return a letter of greeting, and also to send a delegate to the Diet, if an opportunity presented,—the officers of Synod being authorized to furnish the proper credentials.

2.) Page 22. The appointment of delegates to Corresponding Bodies.

a. Rev. Dr. H. Harbaugh and Rev. C. F. McCauley to the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States.

b. Rev. Dr. Bomberger and Rev. T. H. Leinbach to the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania.

c. Rev. Dr. Schaff and Rev. D. Y. Heisler to the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

d. Rev. Dr. Zacharias and Rev. Dr. Heiner to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

3.) Page 51. The committee to prosecute the suit against Ex-Sheriff Duncan of York county, was continued.

4.) Page 51. The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary were requested to direct their Treasurer to appropriate the proceeds of the Clopp legacy to the support of necessitous students in the Theological Seminary, according to the intention of the testatrix.

5). Page 52. The Treasurer of the Board of Education was instructed to pay over to the Treasurer of the Board of Trus-

tees of the Theological Seminary the amount of the proceeds of the Clopp fund, to enable him to comply with the direction of Synod in regard to this fund.

6.) Page 54. The committee on the Theological Tutorship, Dr. Schaff Chairman, was continued, and instructed to prosecute the object of their appointment in such a way as they might deem best calculated to secure the end contemplated.

7.) Page 85. The proposed transfer of the Aintab Mission and affiliated points to the entire jurisdiction and control of this Synod, was referred to the favorable consideration of our Board of Foreign Missions for their early action.

8.) Page 89. The several Classes were enjoined to make provision at their next annual meetings, for the immediate payment of the assessment now made for the benefit of the Synodical Treasury, and that those in arrears be required to liquidate the same without any further delay.

9.) Page 91. The Financial Committee was directed to pay over to the Treasurer of Synod so much of what may be received on the $17,000 fund as might be necessary to refund the sum borrowed by said Treasurer, and the delegates to Synod from delinquent Classes were appointed special committees to urge their respective Classes to pay over to the Financial Committee the amounts of their delinquencies, and to cöoperate with Synod's Financial Committee in carrying out the object of their appointment.

10.) Page 94. Rev. A. L. Dechant and N. S. Strassburger were appointed a committee to visit the congregations of Mr. S. K. Gross and explain to them the action of Synod in his case.

11.) Page 100. The Trustees of Synod were instructed to enter into such arrangements with M. Kieffer & Co., as would fully secure the interests of Synod in the real estate held by the Printing Establishment.

12.) Page 104. The action of Synod on the report of the committee on the creation of a Board of Publication, of which Dr. Harbaugh is Chairman, was postponed to the next annual meeting of Synod.

13.) Page 105. The attention of the Classes was directed to an increased circulation of the Minutes of Synod.

14.) Page 109. Synod consents to the publication of the new German Hymn book with a proper preface, and the imprimatur of Synod to be prefixed to all books to be sold to our congregations.

15.) Page 109. The Stated Clerk was instructed to have 3,000 copies of the proceedings of Synod, duly authenticated,

published in English, and 2,000 copies in the German language, and distributed amongst those entitled to receive them.

16.) Page 109. The Board of Publication were instructed to request M. Kieffer & Co. to publish speedily another and more suitable Church Member's Certificate.

17.) Page 110. The action of Synod in respect to a translation into German, and also the publication of our new Liturgy.

18.) Page 111. The matter of creating a Triennial General Synod was referred to a committee, of which Dr. Bomberger is chairman, with the request that they report at the next meeting of Synod.

19.) Page 112. The preamble and resolutions in reference to questions to be answered by baptized adults, were referred to a committee, of which Dr. Gerhart is chairman, and requested to report at the meeting of Synod next year.

20.) Page 121. A committee, of which Dr. Harbaugh is chairman, was appointed to prepare a "Child's Catechism," with certain instructions, and to report at the Synod of 1860.

21.) Page 123. A committee was appointed to visit the 1st church in Reading, for certain purposes, Rev. T. H. Leinbach, chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIAS HEINER, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of item by item as follows:

Item 1. The following report was received from the committee referred to in this item:

The committee to whom was assigned the duty of addressing a letter in the name of the Synod to the *German Evangelical Church Diet,* beg leave to state,

That we attended to the duty assigned us early in the past summer. The document was drawn up by the chairman and after it was signed by himself and the Rev. Mr. Bausman, was forwarded to the remaining members of the committee for their signatures, the last of whom was requested to forward it to the Secretary of the Diet in Berlin.

From information recently received, it appears that this letter did not reach its destination, which is deeply to be regretted. According to the instructions of our last Synod, we endeavored to give a statement of the present state and progress of our Church in this country, besides reciprocating the kind and Christian feelings of that respectable body.

In behalf of the committee,

B. S. SCHNECK, *Chairman.*

Chambersburg, Oct. 16, 1860.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the committee on Correspondence with the German Church Diet, in view of the loss of their reply to the last two letters of said Diet, be requested to send another letter to its officers without delay, and to submit the same to this Synod for approval and incorporation into our Minutes, in accordance with the resolution of the Synod of Frederick, requiring the publication of all these letters of correspondence in our Minutes.

Item 2. This item, so far as it relates to the delegate to the German Reformed Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, was laid on the table for the present.

The following report was received from the delegate to the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States:

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States:

The undersigned appointed a delegate to the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States, at its last annual sessions in Philadelphia, begs leave to report,

That it was his privilege to attend to the duty assigned him. Your delegate was cordially received, and the most kind and fraternal interest in the welfare of our Zion was manifested by that old and venerable body. It affords me pleasure to say, that the portion of the Church represented by the Ministerium, seems to be in a prosperous condition, and to be vigorously and successfully prosecuting its great and important work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. A. BOMBERGER.

No report was received from the delegate to the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, inasmuch as that body has not been in session since the last annual meeting of this Synod.

No report was received from the delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Item 3. Laid on the table for the present.

Items 4 and 5. The Treasurers of the two Boards referred to in these items, reported that they attended to the duty assigned them.

Items 6 and 7 were laid on the table for the present.

Item 8. Laid on the table until the Treasurer of Synod reports.

Item 9. Laid on the table until the Financial Committee of Synod, and the Committee on Minutes of Classes report.

Item 10. The following report was received from the committee referred to in this item:

The committee appointed to visit the congregations of Mr. S. K. Gross, and explain to them the action of Synod, beg leave to report:

That we endeavored to accomplish the object of our appointment, by visiting some of the members and writing to others. We also desired to speak publicly to the congregations, but were not permitted to enter their churches. The Goshenhoppen Classis, at its late annual meeting, deposed him, and declared his congregations vacant. We are sorry to add, that he, nevertheless, continues to preach the Gospel and administer the holy sacraments, and that his congregations sustain him in his course.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. DECHANT, *Chairman.*

Items 11, 12 and 13 were laid on the table for the present.

Item 14. The Rev. Dr. Schaff reported, that the requisitions of Synod referred to in this item, had been complied with.

Item 15. The following report was received from the Stated Clerk of Synod:

The undersigned would respectfully report:

That, in accordance with the instructions received from Synod, he caused 3,000 copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the last annual meeting to be published in the English language, and 2,000 copies in the German language, and distributed them amongst those entitled to receive them as follows: East Pennsylvania Classis, 375 German and 226 English; Zions Classis, 42 German and 98 English; Lebanon Classis, 106 German and 53 English; Maryland Classis, 50 German and 450 English; Philadelphia Classis, 56 German and 178 English; Virginia Classis, 60 English; North Carolina Classis, 1 English; Mercersburg Classis, 9 German and 196 English; Goshenhoppen Classis, 190 German and 80 English; New York Classis, 7 German and 3 English; Lancaster Classis, 56 German and 97 English; East Susquehanna Classis, 180 German and 321 English; West Susquehanna Classis, 68 German and 132 English; Clarion Classis, 75 German and 250 English; Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, 40 German and 90 English; Corresponding Members and officers of Boards, 12 English; making a total of 1254 copies German and 2234 copies English, and leaving on hand 746 copies German and 766 copies English. The distribution was made according to the direction received from those to whom they were sent. The average cost of publication of both editions was 13 7-10 cents per copy. This is extremely low, and their publication was secured at this rate by

the publishers using the same statistical and financial tables for both editions, and allowing the Synod the benefit of this arrangement. The present edition exceeds, in bulk, that, on which an estimate was made two years ago of the average expense of publication at 12½ cents per copy, forty pages.

The editions made their appearance a considerable time after the Synod had a right to expect them, much to the regret of the Stated Clerk. It arose from circumstances entirely beyond his control, and for which he is not responsible. He trusts, however, that a similar delay will not again occur.

Respectfully submitted,

SAM'L. R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk.*

Item 16. The instructions referred to in this item, were reported as having been complied with.

Items 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 were laid on the table for the present.

The report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod was adopted as a whole.

The Rules of Order were read by the Stated Clerk.

The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the sessions of Synod during the present meeting:

The Morning session to open at 9 and close at 12 o'clock.

The afternoon session to open at 2 and close at 5 o'clock.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the services to be attended to to-morrow morning, in connection with the dedication of St. John's German Reformed Church, be regarded as a substitute for the religious exercises usually observed at the commencement of the sessions of Synod.

Adjourned. Benediction by the Rev. Dr. Heiner.

THURSDAY, October 18th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Opened with singing and prayer by the President.

The minutes of the previous sessions were read, amended and adopted.

The Rev. Henry Mosser, from the Classis of Zion, the Rev. John W. Steinmetz, from the Classis of West Susquehanna, the Rev. John Ault, from the Classis of Mercersburg, and the Rev. Daniel Hertz, from the Classis of Lancaster, appeared and took their seats as advisory members.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That when we adjourn this morning, we adjourn to meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The hour for attending to the religious services connected

with the consecration of the St. John's German Reformed Church having arrived, the Synod proceeded in a body to the new church edifice. After the services connected with the consecration had closed, the Synod adjourned.

Benediction by the President.

THURSDAY, October 18th, 4 o'clock, P. M.

Opened with singing and prayer by Elder William Heyser.

Elder Charles Santee, delegate from the Classis of Philadelphia, Elder John Ermentrout, delegate from the Classis of Lebanon, and Elder John Bushong, delegate from the Classis of Lancaster, appeared and took their seats.

The Rev. Martin A. Smith and Frederick A. Gast, from the Classis of Lancaster, the Rev. Charles F. McCauley and Abraham Romich, from the Classis of Lebanon, and the Rev. John Beck, from the Classis of East Pennsylvania, appeared and took their seats as advisory members.

The following annual report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary was received, read and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary:

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN—As the President of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, it becomes my duty to submit to you the annual report of the Board.

Our Church, in a financial point of view, still labors under difficulty for want of the necessary means to carry forward successfully the benevolent operations which are so perseveringly prosecuted in other Christian denominations around us.

We have abundant wealth in the bosom of our Reformed Zion, fully to endow all our institutions, and to enlarge the field of our operations, by filling up the waste places of our Zion. Your Board feel that, in view of the abundant blessings of God in the past year, we should be stimulated to exercise a broader and more expansive spirit of benevolence. Could this spirit be cultivated to a greater extent than it is, we should not want for means successfully to carry forward the various enterprises of the Church.

Our Missionary and Beneficiary Boards should be amply and fully sustained. Indeed a Church Extension Fund should be established, in order that infant churches might be aided, and other churches planted in the accessible and important points of our country. Houses of worship are one of the important means through which flourishing congregations are gathered,

and which, in a few years, pay back a large percentage in the growth and power of the Church at large.

Your Board feel that our Theological Library much needs the addition of standard works in the English language on the subject of Theology. Most of those now upon the shelves are in the German language. We are far behind other Theological institutions in this respect. The Board had the matter under consideration at their meeting in Mercersburg. An annual contribution on the part of the churches would easily effect the object, and with the view of bringing it before Synod, your Board would suggest that Synod recommend a collection to be taken up annually on some day in each church within our bounds specifically for that purpose.

The Seminary buildings externally, with the exception of Professor Schaff's house, are in a reasonable state of repair. The fences enclosing the grounds are dilapidated, and must in a measure be renewed. This, with some internal repairs of the buildings, will necessarily cost from one hundred and fifty to two hundred dollars. The preservation of the property requires it.

From the accompanying report of the Treasurer, it will be seen, that there has been a gratifying increase in the several items in the interest account. There is still a heavy indebtedness on the part of the Seminary, which, had the apportionments been promptly paid, would have all been liquidated. Your Board feel that it is due to the creditors, that their claims should be promptly paid. The addition of interest will, as a matter of course, enlarge the debt.

The gross amount received into the Treasury during the past year has been $3406.83. There was expended during the same period $3387.50, leaving in the hands of the Treasurer $19.33. Upon the apportionment fund there was received $309.72, expended $267.49, leaving a balance in favor of that fund of $42.23. The whole amount of the apportionment fund among the different Classes was $6115.00, of which there has been paid $3866.43, leaving a balance due by the several Classes of $2272.92. If this amount were promptly paid, but a small indebtedness, on the part of the Seminary, would remain.

Your Board earnestly hope, that through the blessing of God these balances may be met and liquidated, and that the Church, under your spiritual care, may grow and flourish, and that your deliberations may be characterized by harmonious action in all that pertains to the glory of God and the great and important interests committed to your care.

For a full exhibit of the different items brought to view in this report, you are respectfully referred to the accompanying report of the Treasurer.

Respectfully *submitted,*

WILLIAM HEYSER, *President.*

The following is the Treasurer's report accompanying the above document:

GENTLEMEN :—I herewith present to your honorable Board my account as Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, from October 1st, 1859, to October 1st, 1860.

In presenting this account, I am gratified in being able to announce that there has been an increase of receipts in several of the items. The endowment fund shows the amount of receipts to have been $2035.22; the amount of interest on Plainfield Bonds received has been $429.

The increase in the former account is owing partly to large dividends received on Bank stock, but mainly to an item in the collection of back-standing interest on a mortgage on property in Harrisburg invested some years since. The mortgage not proving productive by failure on the part of the mortgager to pay interest, it was handed over to an attorney, the Hon. John C. Kunkel, of Harrisburg, for collection. That gentleman generously attended to the collection without cost to the Seminary. The thanks of the Board are due for his efficient services.

In accordance with the instructions of the Synod of last year, we sent circulars to all indebted for interest on Plainfield Bonds, so far as we were acquainted with their residences, urging them to prompt payment This has resulted in an increase of the receipts beyond what is usual, though not so large a one as we had been led to expect, nor in proportion to the large amount still out-standing.

The receipts on Synodical apportionment account have been small, amounting to only $309.72. Several of the Classes have paid up their amounts as originally assessed, but it was expected that the whole would be raised in one year, and no provision was therefore made for accruing interest during the five years since the time when the apportionment was first made. This has considerably increased the original amount of the assessment, and as the increase is owing to the delay on the part of Classes in paying their amounts, it is no more than just that the Classes should pay interest on their assessments.

There is still due to the Seminary, on this account, the sum of $2272.92, without regarding the interest, which of course we expect from the Classes.

The amount of the Seminary indebtedness to its creditors is about $3000. We have so repeatedly urged this account upon the attention of Synod, that we deem it unnecessary, and indeed feel discouraged from making any more appeals to Synod, and must leave it to that reverend body to decide as to what is best to secure the prompt payment of the amount yet outstanding.

The following is a statement of the amount assessed upon each Classis, the amount paid, and the amount still due:

	Apportioned.	*Paid.*	*Still due.*
Virginia Classis,	$300,00	105,00	$195,00
Lebanon "	650,00	216.00	434;00
Susquehanna "	700,00	684,93	15,07
Philadelphia "	650,00	253,75	396,25
Mercersburg "	760,00	718,60	41,40
Zions "	600,00	611,15	
East Penn'a "	800,00	307,30	492,70
Maryland "	575,00	588,20	
Lancaster "	505,00	121,50	383,50
Goshenhop'en "	500,00	260,00	240,00
New York "	75,00		75,00
	$6,115,00	3,866,43	2,272,92

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE BESORE, *Treasurer.*

Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Church, in account with GEORGE BESORE, *Treasurer.*

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1860. *Interest on Plainfield Bonds.*

PHILADELPHIA CLASSIS.

Rev. J. H. A. Bemberger 10, $10,00

MERCERSBURG CLASSIS.

A. Haderman 3, Samuel B. Snively 13,50, Col. J. B. Orr 24, Yellow Creek 6, Haderman and Ditman 6, Russell's cong. 4, Dr. Fisher 6, Paul Rhodes 12, T. Fouse 6, David Lenher 20, Waynesboro' 6, 106,50

ZIONS CLASSIS.

David Hoffman 12, Christ Church 12, David Wolff 18, Rev. W. K. Zeiber 10, A. K. Schriver 12, 64,00

VIRGINIA CLASSIS.

Shepherdstown cong. 35, Martinsburg 6, do. 6, 48,00

MARYLAND CLASSIS.

Samuel Zeller 6, Second st. cong., Baltimore, 36, Rev. R. Douglas 5, H. Fouke 18, 65,00

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Rev. A. Helfenstein, Jr., 6, Rev. T. Apple 15, 21,00

EAST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS.

Paradise congregation 12.50, 12,50

Carried over, $327.00

Brought over,	$237,00	
WEST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS.		
Rev. C. H. Leinbach 6, J. F. Pontius 6, Mifflinburg cong. 6,	18,00	
LEBANON CLASSIS.		
Jonathan Klopp 12, Rev. J. D. Zehring 6,	18,00	
GOSHENHOPPEN CLASSIS.		
Rev. P. S. Fisher 24, Rev. N. S. Strassburger 12,	36,00	
EAST PENNSYLVANIA CLASSIS.		
W. M. Lawall 6, J. Rader 6, J. P. Hetrick 6, T. & S. Deahler 6, Reuben Kortz 6,	30,00	
		$339,00
Dividends and Interest.		
Kleffer fund,	570.09	
Keller fund,	150.00	
Harrisburg Bridge Stock,	27,00	
Farmers and Mechanics' Bank, Philad'a,	116,00	
Girard Bank,	42,81	
Philadelphia Bank,	90,00	
Lebanon Bank,	216,00	
Farmers' Bank of Reading,	45,60	
Chambersburg Bank,	216,00	
Hagerstown Bank,	36,85	
Back-standing interest on investment of 1851,	367,11	
Interest on Sundry investments,	158,35	
		2,035,22
Miscellaneous.		
Room Rents, per Dr. B. C. Wolff,	242,61	
Proceeds of Clopp Legacy, per resolution of last Synod,	600,00	
		842,61
Principal of Plainfield Bonds.		
Samuel B. Snively $50, Sundry persons in Friends' Cove $50,		100,00
		$3,406.83

DR.

To Balance from last year,	$ 46,50	
To amount paid Dr. P. Schaff at sundry times,	1,250,00	
" " " Dr. B. C. Wolff,	1,250,00	
" Treasurer's Salary, paid to Book-keeper,	100,00	
" Dr. B. S. Schneck,	27,00	
" Permanent Investment,	100,00	
" To amount of proceeds of Clopp Legacy, paid to Treasurer of the Board of Education, per resolution of Synod,	600,00	
" Circulars, recording mortgage, postage and stationary,	14,00	
		3,387,50
Balance in hands of Treasurer,		19,33
		$3,406.83

Synodical Apportionment Account.

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PHILADELPHIA CLASSIS.		
First Church, Philadelphia, $80.50,	$80,50	
GOSHENHOPPEN CLASSIS.		
Rev. A. J. G. Dubs 30, New Hilltown 10,	40,00	
WEST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS.		
Rev. D. G. Klein 5,40, New Berlin 13,07, Lewisburg 12, Adamsburg 10, Lewisburg 4,34, Driesbach 4, Mifflinsburg 6,81, Aaronsburg 6	61,62	
EAST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS.		
Rev. I. Schellhammer 20,60,	20,60	
ZIONS CLASSIS.		
Landisburg charge 15,	15,00	
MERCERSBURG CLASSIS.		
Bedford charge 15, Huntingdon charge 25, Grindstone Hill 5, St. Clairsville 15, Martinsburg 11,	71,00	
EAST PENNSYLVANIA CLASSIS.		
Rev. I. K. Loose 11,	11,00	
LEBANON CLASSIS.		
Second church, Reading, 10,	10,00	
		$309.72

DR.

To Balance from last year,	$ 41,24	
" Bill for repairs at Mercersburg,	26,25	
" Am't paid Treas'r of Franklin and Marshall College,	200,00	
		267.49
Balance in hands of Treasurer,		42.23
		$309.72

The following report was received from the delegate to the German Reformed Synod of Ohio and adjacent States :

LEBANON, October 17th, 1860.

Your delegate to the Western Synod would report, that he had the pleasure of attending to the duty committed to him. The Synod, which met at Akron, Ohio, was a general Synod, and quite largely attended. Your delegate was kindly received by the Western brethren; and all the business of that body, which pertains to its relations to this body, were transacted with the most fraternal feeling, manifesting the warmest interest in the peace and prosperity of the Church in general. Your delegate witnessed with pleasure the earnestness and zeal manifested in all the acts of the Western Synod, in the great work committed to them in the vast, ripe, and promising field over

which its mission extends. Prosperity attends their labors; and thus encouraged by marks of divine favor, they are widening their plans and increasing their zeal from year to year.

Respectfully submitted,

H. HARBAUGH.

The committee on the Theological Tutorship submitted the following report, which was received, and the consideration of it made the order of the day for to-morrow afternoon at three o'clock:

The committee on the Theological Tutorship have continued their exertions during the last year, and have made some progress in the prosecution of their plan, to raise the endowment of $10,000 by individual, congregational, or classical pledges of $500 each, the interest of which is to be paid annually to the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, as soon as the whole sum is secured, while the time for the payment of the principal is left to the option of the donor.

The following list of pledges, including those of last year, presents the result of their labors:

Classis of Mercersburg, two pledges,	$1.000
Faculty of the Theological Seminary, one pledge,	500
Rev. Dr. B. S. Schneck, one pledge, from a legacy at his disposal,	500
Classis of Philadelphia, one pledge,	500
Rev. Dr. Bomberger, in behalf of the Race street congregation,	500
Mr. John Weist, Philadelphia, one pledge,	500
Classis of East Susquehanna, one "	500
" West Susquehanna, one "	500
Rev. L. C. Edmonds, in behalf of the Aaronsburg charge, one pledge,	500
Classis of Zion, one pledge,	500
" Goshenhoppen, one pledge,	500
Mr. W. E. Schmertz, of Pittsburg, one pledge (by a legal bond),	500
Total amount,	$6.500

There remains, therefore, the sum of $3,500 to be raised to complete the endowment of the Tutorship. The committee are thankful to the donors who have promptly and cheerfully responded to their appeal, or volunteered their subscription. But they regret that several of our largest and wealthiest Classes have not yet seen fit to co-operate with a work which met the unanimous approval of Synod, and which they acknowledge themselves to be eminently calculated to promote the

general welfare of the Church. They are encouraged, however, from private communications with several members of the respective Classes, to believe that something liberal will be done for this cause at their next annual meeting. If the Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon and Maryland do their part, the enterprise will be crowned with success.

The committee would also state, from a private letter of the distinguished Baron von Bethmann-Hollweg, formerly President of the German Church Diet, now Minister of Public Worship and Instruction in Prussia, that his promise of a donation of two thousand Prussian dollars, towards the Tutorship fund, will be redeemed as soon as the Tutorship goes into actual operation.

In conclusion, the committee would recommend first, that Synod make an effort to raise the balance of $3 500 at its present meeting, and to take at once the preparatory steps for the appointment of a travelling and teaching tutor.

Secondly. This being done, to direct the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary to secure from the various donors, named in this report, written pledges similar to the Plainfield Bonds, and to see that the interest be punctually paid from year to year, and the principal safely invested as it may be paid in from time to time at the discretion of the donors.

Hoping that this action will be taken, the committee hereby resign their trust into your hands, and beg to be discharged.

Very respectfully,
PHILIP SCHAFF, *Chairman.*

LEBANON, October 18, 1860.

The committee, appointed to prepare a "Child's Catechism," submitted the following report, which was received and the consideration of it made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock:

The committee appointed at the last annual meeting of Synod, to prepare a "Child's Catechism," respectfully report:

That to the best of their ability they have attended to the duty assigned them. Agreeably to the instructions of Synod, the result of their labors has already been published in the German Reformed Messenger. It only remains for the committee, with their work, to present also a brief history of its labors, and the general principles on which the "Child's Catechism" herewith presented has been constructed.

Soon after the adjournment of last Synod, measures were taken to collect as many elementary catechisms as possible for use and reference. A large number were thus brought together. The history of Synod's *previous* efforts in regard to

this work was reviewed, and the special instructions of last Synod carefully studied, with a view of apprehending, as nearly as possible, its wants and wishes. There was instituted a careful study of all the small catechisms collected, after which the plan of the one now presented to Synod was laid, and its details carried out with constant reference to the similar works on hand. As will be seen, the plan which underlies it is that of the Heidelberg Catechism. It assumes in the child what it assumes, teaches what it teaches, and seeks to teach it in the same positive spirit.

Simplicity has been studied in arrangement and in language; but at the same time it has been our endeavor always to state truth in such a form, and in such language, as will be as true and suitable to the future adult as to the present child; for while the childish will in time be outgrown, the childlike will never be left behind. It has been the endeavor of your committee also, in this "Child's Catechism," to keep in view, and provide for, the growing needs of the child—rising in its construction from more to less simplicity—that, as a system of instruction, it may grow with the growth and strengthen with the strength of the child.

Brevity has been studied as far as could be done, covering at the same time, as directed by Synod, the Creed, Commandments, and Lord's Prayer. These are connected as briefly as possible without abrupt transitions, by taking up the spirit and teachings which intervene in the Heidelberg Catechism; while the different articles and parts of these catechetical forms have been rendered clear and capable of apprehension on the part of the child, with as few questions and answers as possible.

The Catechism, having been thus prepared and wrought out, the committee met in Lancaster, and spent two days, July 26th and 27th, in its careful review and correction, carefully weighing every word and sentence. As it thus came forth from the committee's hands, it was published in the paper of the Church.

Inasmuch as defects in language and arrangement are always more easily detected in printed matter than in manuscript, the committee thought it proper and necessary to meet again, after it had all been printed, and together gave it its final revision. This final meeting was held in Harrisburg, October 15th, 1860. The few changes and corrections thus made are indicated in the copy herewith presented to Synod.

The admission of hymns, as they appear in the printed forms, the committee submit to the wisdom of Synod. Some classic hymns should be committed to memory by children early in life; this desirable end might be facilitated by having them

incorporated or printed at the end of the Catechism. If Synod should prepare a Sunday School Hymn Book, that might answer all the purpose of having them in convenient reach for the children.

The committee wish to express their belief that a collection of such simple prayers as children are accustomed to learn while yet young, ought to be printed at the end of a "Child's Catechism." Many parents and teachers would find this a convenient, if not in some cases an absolutely necessary, help in their duties in teaching children. This feature has not, however, been added to the Catechism presented, because it was not contemplated in Synod's instructions. If, in the judgment of Synod, it should still seem desirable, such directions might yet be given, and carried out.

Synod has manifested its deep sense of the importance and solemnity of this work—even though it be but a child's catechism which it has proposed to itself to perfect—by its great deliberation. Five years have passed since it first took the matter in hand: since which time it has uninterruptedly wrought at it in various ways. Should even this last effort be unsatisfactory, neither the present, nor the labors of the past ought to be regarded as lost. All that has been done has served to bring Synod and the Church to a better apprehension of what was really desired. To this no doubt is to be attributed the fact, that former endeavors seem to have proved unsatisfactory, not because they were wanting in merits, but because they were thought not to be adapted to the level of the capacities for which Synod regarded it necessary to provide a Catechism. The last Synod found itself prepared to give more definite instructions in regard to the kind of work it desired than had been done at any former session. Should the present effort possess any adaptation to our actual wants as a Church, beyond what may have hitherto been attained, it must be attributed to that fact; and, therefore, while the failure of success in former cases operated as a discouragement to your committee, it had a tendency at the same time to stimulate the hope, that, with the advantage of all past labors and experiences to aid them, if not general and perfect, yet perhaps satisfactory, success might be possible. In this spirit, and with this hope, your committee has endeavored to conduct and complete its labors; and with this brief account of their work, this report, with the accompanying "Child's Catechism," is humbly submitted to the disposal of Synod.

H. HARBAUGH, *Chairman.*

The committee, appointed to confer with the committee of Franklin and Marshall College in regard to the increase of the endowment fund of the College, submitted their report, which was received.

Before the report was disposed of, the Synod adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. Samuel H. Reid.

FRIDAY, October 19th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Opened with singing and prayer by the President.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and adopted.

The Rev. A, J. G. Dubs obtained leave of absence after this morning's session, until Monday morning.

A communication was received from the German pastors of the city of New York and vicinity, asking Synod to grant the Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff conditional leave of absence from the Theological Seminary, with a view to aid them in the establishment of a German daily paper in the city of New York. The consideration of this request was made the order of the day this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

A communication was received from the Rev. Samuel Gutelius, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

The Rev. Joshua H. Derr, delegate from the Classis of East Pennsylvania, appeared and took his seat.

The Rev. William C. Bennet, from the Classis of Zion, appeared and took his seat as an advisory member.

The Minutes of the Classes of East Pennsylvania and East Susquehanna were received, and referred to the Committees on Minutes of Classes, and the State of Religion and Statistical Reports.

The report under consideration at the close of yesterday afternoon's sesssion was taken up, amended and then adopted, and is as follows:

The committee appointed to confer with the Endowment Fund committee of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, in respect to the propriety of securing a further endowment for said College, and to propose a plan for the raising of the means, beg leave to offer the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That Synod feels the necessity of raising at least Thirty Thousand Dollars for that purpose.

Resolved, That we recommend to the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, to place in the field an efficient

agent, with an adequate salary, to secure said amount either in cash or bond, on or before the 1st of October, 1862.

Resolved, That Synod urgently commend this interest to the consideration and liberality of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIAS HEINER, *Chairman.*

The order of the day for 10 o'clock this morning, the report of the committee to prepare a "Child's Catechism," was taken up. The Catechism was read, with the amendments proposed by the committee. It was then

Resolved, That the Catechism be referred to a committee consisting of one minister and one elder from each Classis, with instructions to report on Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

The following constitute the committee called for in the foregoing resolution: Rev. Jacob O. Miller, Elder Stephen B. Kieffer, Rev. Earnest W. Reinecke, Elder Thomas Butz, Rev. Jacob D. Zehring, Elder John Ermentrout, Rev. John S. Foulk, Elder Frederick Humrickhouse, Rev. Dr. John H. A. Bomberger, Elder Charles Santee, Rev. John M. Titzel, Elder David Hoffman, Rev. Samuel H. Reid, Elder Henry Ruby, Rev. N. S. Strassburger, Elder Henry Riegel Rev. John F. Busche, Elder George Bachman, Rev. Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart, Elder Rudolph F. Kelker, Rev. Henry Hoffman, Elder Daniel Follmer, Rev. Charles H. Leinbach, Elder Joseph Jordon, Rev. Samuel N. Callender, Elder George S. Eisenhart, and Rev. Samuel Mease.

The following annual report was received from the Board of Foreign Missions, read and referred to the Committee on Missions:

The Board of Foreign Missions beg leave to present to Synod their twenty-second annual report.

At the meeting of Synod of last year, it was deemed "desirable that the Mission at Aintab, and affiliated points, be transferred to the entire jurisdiction and control of the Synod," and "the subject was referred to the favorable consideration of of our Board of Foreign Missions for their early action." Before calling the Board together to consider this important matter, its President addressed a letter to our Missionary at Aintab, with a view of gathering such information from him on the subject as the nature of the case seemed to require. The letter received from Dr. Schneider, in reply, was laid before the Board at an early day. It reviewed calmly the whole ground, and stated clearly and forcibly some of the most prominent objections to the proposed transfer; and the Board, after a prayerful and earnest consideration of the whole matter, unanimously resolved, "that *we consider* it inexpedient to

interfere with the present policy of operations," and "that we recommend to Synod the continuation of the relations we sustain at present to the Aintab Mission." Dr. Schneider's letter is one of great interest and importance, and the Board recommend that it be read for the information and consideration of the Synod.

As our Church co-operates with the American Board in the support of the Aintab Mission, it is deemed proper that a brief notice should be taken in our report of its *fiftieth* anniversary, celebrated in Boston, on the second, third, and fourth days of the present month. Boston was crowded with the friends of the Board from all parts of the country, who came up to attend the great Anniversary, and to enjoy the jubilee festivities of the great occasion. It was the largest, the most interesting, and the most effective meeting of the kind that has ever been held in the New World. It was indeed a time for warm congratulation; sincere, heartfelt thanksgiving; and for universal rejoicing. God had so signally and wonderfully prospered the Society, ever since its formation fifty years ago, that all hearts were filled with joy. Extra efforts had been made during the past year to pay off the heavy debt of $66,000, which rested on the Board at its previous Anniversary, and these were crowned with complete success.

The summary of the Board for the half century, is as follows:

"The Board's five ordained missionaries sent forth into the heathen world in 1812 have been followed by others to the number of 410. The eight males and females composing the first company of missionaries, now stand associated on the historic page with a company of 1257. Of these a third are now in the field, aided by 500 native helpers, and 400 teachers connected with some 26 missions. In these missions, churches to the number of 162 have been gathered, with a present membership of more than 20,000, and with a membership from the beginning of not less than 55,000, averaging more than a thousand for every year of its existence. The average admissions into these churches, annually, during the last ten years, has been 1500, a larger number of communicants than could be accommodated with seats in the greater part of our church edifices.

"During all these years the educational department had received a large share of attention. Full 19,000 children and youth, on an average, male and female, have been taught in our mission schools during the past ten years, including the Sandwich Island free schools only for a portion of this time. As many as 175,000 must have been in the schools since the commencement of the enterprise, and some thousands of these have enjoyed the advantages of our seminaries and boarding schools.

"The spread of printing establishments in distant lands has enabled the Board to dispense with five of its ten offices in ten years. The present annual printing for our missions, chiefly at the charge of Bible and Tract Societies, is not far from 50,000,000 of pages, and the number of pages printed from the beginning, cannot fall much short of 1,500,000,000.

"It is with this gratifying enlargement of our system and work, that we close the first half century, and enter upon the second. Some of the younger persons present may live to see the close of that. Who will venture to conjecture what they will be permitted to see?"

The receipts of the Board for the past year amounted to $429,989, and the expenditures were $428,323, leaving $1,666 in the Treasury.

The particular mission at Aintab, with its affiliated stations, to the support of which our funds are devoted, continues to be in a highly prosperous condition. The success of all who labor at those points is of the most encouraging character. A letter from our missionary, dated August 10, and addressed to the President of the Board, has just come to hand, and as it is so replete with interesting facts, we desire to make a portion of it a part of our report. Dr. Schneider writes:

"I am happy to inform you, that the past has been a year of prosperity. This you will perceive from the following details. The Sabbath School has not only sustained its interest, but has been gradually increasing. About a year since the entire number connected with the school was 1000, but it has now risen to nearly 1,500. Its average is not quite that number, but sometimes there have been more than that. Of these there are some 470 infants, 415 boys and young men; 267 girls and young women; 74 old men, and 137 old women; 48 male teachers, and 29 female teachers, making a total of 1,440, including the teachers. This was the total for one Sabbath, though there have been more on some other days. These 77 teachers are regularly and carefully instructed every week in the subjects of the lesson. Our large church, 60 feet by 80, is filled, both in the lower part and in the gallery, by the various classes of these different ages and sexes, while the infants are in rooms in the church premises. But once a month, at the close of the term, the infants are brought into the church, and then they sing some of their hymns and are questioned on their lessons, while the other members of the school, and many spectators besides, are looking on with great interest Imagine an assembly of 1,500, or 1,600, of which some 600 or more are infants and children, all absorbed with lively interest in the exercises before them! Could you be present to witness the scene, it would deeply affect your heart. All visitor are deeply interested.

The theological class, of which I made mention in my last, have completed their course. Since my return from America, one of my principal duties has been instruction to these young men. Just before the last meeting of our Mission, all the delegates to that body but one being present, they were formed into a regular council, to examine and license them. The examination was thorough and protracted, and proved quite satisfactory to the missionaries; some of them several times afterwards expressed their approbation. They have an intelligent and scriptural understanding of the great truths of Revelation. Though their course of study has not been so varied as a full course in the Theological Seminaries in America, yet by their training they are well qualified for laboring in the present condition of their own people. They all make good public speakers. In naturalness and ease, they compare very favorably with young preachers in our native land. Indeed they possess a degree of talent, in this respect, which is quite remarkable. Four of them have thus been licensed, and all of these are now preaching in the vicinity; and probably within six months or a year, they will be settled over some of the churches in the vicinity. They promise to be useful laborers in their Master's vineyard, and we shall follow them with great interest in all their future course. These four, added to the five, formerly licensed, makes *nine preachers of the Gospel* raised up in Aintab. In a few months a new class of four or five will be formed to go through the same course.

In this connection I may mention, that, in conformity with the advice of the Mission, I recently spent six weeks in Marash, giving Theological instruction to a class of twelve young men at that Station. Only two of these are expected to become pastors ultimately, and the remainder will mostly be helpers in the form of teachers and colporteurs. But such will be their position and influence, that it is very important that they be well grounded in the doctrines of the Gospel. As I gave them two lectures a day, I was able to give them nearly seventy in all; and we were able to go over some of the most fundamental doctrines of the Bible. They were exceedingly interested in these subjects, and had my circumstances allowed me to give heed to their most importunate and oft repeated entreaties, I should have remained there some months. It was painful to my feelings to be obliged to deny their requests, so earnestly and perseveringly presented. On the Sabbath it was my privilege to preach to that interesting congregation, of from 750 to 800 souls. Thus by preaching and teaching my strength was fully occupied.

The Female Boarding School, before mentioned, has commenced; but for the present simply as a day school, and not with boarders. The American Board are too much pressed for

funds to commence it on that plan. Curtailment was absolutely necessary at some point, and it could be done easier in this particular than any other. We presume it will go into full operation in another year; and meanwhile it will exert a salutary influence in its present capacity.

From the first it has been an object with us to cultivate a spirit of benevolence in our community. I think they contribute more liberally than the Churches in America, according to their ability: it costs them much more self-denial. During the past year they have given for various objects of charity towards $500. This does not include what they gave for the support of their native pastor, and what they contributed for schools, but merely benevolent objects. They have also made a noble contribution to the American Board as a jubilee offering. Some time since I presented the subject to them in a discourse, giving them a brief account of the origin, progress, and present extended operations of that Society. They were exceedingly interested, and their sympathies were awakened in behalf of that Board, which has done so much for them and the Armenian people at large. The subject was also presented to the Sabbath School. The amount raised was $81,60, of which $24,00 came from the Sabbath School. In the very depressed condition of trade, and the general prostration of business, and the comparative poverty of the people, this is a most liberal donation. If the churches in America should all contribute on the same scale (and I say this with no spirit of boasting), not one of the benevolent interests there would suffer.

Another interesting feature of the past year, is the formation of a Missionary Society among our people. They have subscribed some $130,00 for this object. They have taken one of the out-stations under their particular care, viz: Orool. It is to be worked by them entirely. They collect the funds, select the laborers, fix their wages, send them out, direct all their movements, and control the whole matter. It is a small begining; but this little rill, in connection with other similar rills, springing up in this region, is destined to swell into a mighty stream, which will send the waters of salvation to multitudes in these ends of the earth. We regard the movement as a most encouraging one. In this connection I may mention their interest in the Monthly Concert for Foreign Missions. At our last Concert there must have been at least 500 present, and a few months since we had them counted, and there were 567 assembled. And they manifest the deepest interest in the exercises of the occasion. They love to hear what God is doing for the spread of the Gospel in the world. I do not remember to have seen, or heard of, such a number at the Concert in any place in our Church, when in America; nor indeed in any one of the many denominations in that favored land; nor even a similar proportion of the *congregation.*

Our Schools, ten in number, if we include the three of a higher order, are all in a prosperous condition, containing about 600 pupils. The Bible is the text-book; nearly all the teachers are pious; and catechetical instruction is regularly given to the children.

The general condition of the Church and congregation has been very pleasant and harmonious. Our Sabbath audiences have been about 1,000. At our out-stations, the work is in a prosperous state, though there is nothing of very special interest to communicate in connection with them.

In view of our work, as a whole, we have great occasion to thank God and take courage."

To these deeply interesting and most encouraging statements we have nothing to add, except that we too have great reason to be thankful to God for his signal blessings vouchsafed to our Mission, and also to our Missionary and his family. During the late most dreadful civil war in northern Syria, by which hundreds of Maronite Christian villages were burnt to ashes, and thousands of innocent men, women and children were put to the sword, by the fanatical and cruel Druses, the Lord was pleased to extend his protecting arm over the home of our missionaries, and to permit them to prosecute their important labors in security and peace.

The Treasurer's report will show the receipts and disbursements for the past year. The amount received is a little more than that reported last year; still, it is very much below what it ought to be. It is to be hoped that during the ensuing year, our contributions will be greatly increased.

Respectfully submitted,

E. HEINER,

In behalf of the Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Board of Foreign Missions of the German Reformed Church, in account with ELIAS HEINER, *Treasurer.*

1859		CR.	
Oct.	21.	By balance in Treasurer's hands at settlement,	$862,06
		By amounts received from Oct. 22, 1859, to Oct. 18, 1860, as follows,	
Nov.	12	Rev. H. A. Muehlmeier, Immanuel's cong., Sheboygan, Wisconsin,	5,00
	21	A. H. Baughman, Esq., Treasurer W. B. D. Missions, Xenia, O, J. Kuhn $5, and Third G. R. church Cincinnati, O., per Rev. C. Saure, $24,00,	29,00
1860			
Jan.	18	Mrs. Sarah Shultz, Berks county, Pa.	5,00
		Carried forward, - - - -	$401,06

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1868.		Amount brought forward,	$401,06
Jan.	13	From Jefferson charge, Md , per J. R., Supt. Maryland Classis,	5,00
		Rev. H. J. Ruetnick, Tiffin, O., as follows:	
		A Friend, Linton, Ia.,	50
		A son, fulfilling his father's vow,	5,00
		Third G. R. church Cincinnati, O.,	1,00
		A. Scheidt, Pontiac, O.,	50
		Rev. J. G. Zumpe,	2,00
		St. John's cong., Henry co., O.,	1,00
		Mr. Frintenberger, Marion, O.,	3,00
		Sister in the Third G. R. church Cincinnati,	2,00
		Jacob Buser, Upper Sandusky, O.,	1,00
		Rev. Mr. Zumpe, two sisters,	2,00
		Private prayer meeting, of Reformed members, Louisville, Ky.,	17,00
		Immanuel's cong., Wisconsin,	5,00
		Miss. Society of St. John's cong., Tiffin, O.,	5,00
		Rev. H. Bank, New Bremen, O.,	17,26
	17	Rev. Mr. Herbruck, per Rev. D. K., Wooster, O.,	5,00
	19	Children's Miss. Society, of G. R. Salem church, S. S., Phila. Rev. Wiehle, pastor.	15,00
	30	Collection in Paradise, Jefferson, co., Pa.,	2,67
		Miss. Lydia Pfiffer,	2,33
Feb.	10	Sab. school of G. R. church, Easton, Pa. per Rev. J. Beck, Pastor,	35,00
	11	Sab. school of Rev. Mr. Rust's G. R. cong., Cincinnati, O.,	10,50
April	4	Rev. Mr. Sorber, Brownbacks charge,	5,00
		Rev. J. Steiner, Glade charge,	5,00
May	2	C. Gast, 2nd Church, Lancaster, Pa.	10,00
	9	H. Wirtz, Hanover cong., $10, Lischy's $5,	15,00
	31	Jno. Rodenmayer, Supt. Maryland Classis, as follows:	
		Rev. G. W. Glessner, Middletown charge,	11,36
		Rev. W. F. Colliflower, Jefferson charge,	6,28
		Rev. Mr. Wissler, Manchester, charge,	9,00
		J. & J. Bollinger, of Emmittsburg charge,	5,00
		Rev. W. E. Krebs, Emmittsburg cong.,	2,88
		Rev. W. E. Krebs, Fairfield, cong.,	2,21
		Rev. M. L. Shuford, Mt. Moriah charge,	1,25
June	6	Rev. J. Sechler's charge, Littlestown, Adams county, Pa.	15,00
	15	J. A. Mertz, Tr of West Susq. Classis, as follows:	
		Rev. D. S. Tobias, Rebersburg, charge,	5,00
		Rev. F. J. Mohr, Williamsport, charge,	9,50
		Rev. L. C. Edmonds, Aaronsburg, charge,	5,00
		Rev. W. H Groh, Boalsburg, charge,	5,00
uly	6	Rev. John Blaetgen, Evansville, Ind.,	5,00
	11	Rev. H. A. Muhlmeier, Wisconsin,	5,00
	20	Rev. Dr. S. R. Fisher, as follows:	
		Rev. H. Harbaugh, Widow's mite,	2,50
		Rev. A. Romich,	17,80
		Masters Bear,	1,20
		Rev. T. H. Leinbach,	5,39
		Carried over, - - -	$[illegible],14

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1860.		Amount brought over,	$688.14
July 20		Rev. J. Bernheisel, Loysville cong.,	22,81
		Rev. I. Miese,	9,00
		Host Charge, Christ's ch., S. S.,	87
		Rev. T. Etter.	8,00
		Rev. F. W. Kremer, Lebanon,	31,41
		Rev. H. Wiegand,	11,50
		Rev. I. Miese, additional,	4,00
		Rev. A. S. Leinbach, Reading, Pa.,	25,00
	30,	Rev. H. J. Ruetnick, collect. in G. R. ch. Cleaveland, O.,	26,30
Sept.	5	Rev. A. B. Shenkle, Trappe, Pa.,	10,00
	6	Cavetown S. S., per J. R. Supt. M. C.	5,50
	14	Rev. S. Hess, Hellertown charge,	10,50
Oct	1	Rev. J. Naille, Elizabethtown, Pa.,	3,00
	4	Rev. Dr. Bomberger's church, Race St. Phila. per Jno. Wiest,	31,45
	10	Rev. J. B. Knipe, Phoenixville, Pa.,	5,00
		Rev. D. Willers, Fayette, N. Y.,	13,00
	15	Rev. Dr. Heiner's church and S. school, 2nd St. Baltimore, per Mr. G. S. Griffith,	50,00
	18	Boalsburg charge,	1,00
		Rev. W. H. Groh,	6,75
		Rev. A. L. Herman,	38,75
		Rev. J. E. Hiester,	3,00
		Rev. J. D. Zehring,	13,00
		Rev. D. Weiser,	10,00
		Jacob Rentz, for distressed Christians in Syria.	4,00
		From the Miss. Society of St. John's G. R. ch. Tamaqua, per Rev. L. K. Derr.	15,00
			$1,046,98

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1860.			
June	5	To bad note,	$5,00
	21	To cash to Tr. American Board, for benefit of Aintab church, from Sab. schools of Lebanon, and 2nd St. church Baltimore,	50,00
		To cash to American Board for Aintab Mission,	200,00
July	25	To cash to American Board for Aintab Mission,	550,00
Aug.	15	To cash for 10 gallons roof Cement for Aintab church,	10,00
		Postage and discount for the year,	2,00
		Balance in Treasury, Oct. 18, 1860.	229,98
			$1,046,98

The undersigned have examined the above report, and find all correct. The disbursements are supported by proper vouchers.

JOHN S. FOULK,
JOHN RODENMAYER.

Lebanon, Oct. 18, 1860.

The following annual report was received from the Board of Publication, read and referred to the Committee on Publication:

The Board of Publication would respectfully submit the following report:

From the annual statement submitted by the firm at the recent meeting of the Board, of the condition of the Establishment, the Board takes pleasure in reporting the most encouraging state of things. Notwithstanding the almost insuperable difficulties with which the firm has had to contend, the interests entrusted to them have been prosecuted with great energy and success. The liabilities, which at one time were so onerous as to make the solvency of the Establishment a matter of doubt, have been during the last year considerably diminished.

A brief synopsis of their statement, which we herewith append, will be sufficient to show that things are in the encouraging state represented.

The aggregate of their liabilities, embracing all the debts of the Establishment, were put down last year at $16,819,20¼. They are now reported at $15,019,20. From this it will be perceived, that the liabilities this year have been decreased $1,800,00.

The assets of the firm, as given in the statement, amount to $45,537,95. They were reported at last Synod as $45,721,-18. From a comparison of these statements it will be seen, that there has been a small decrease in the assets of this year to the amount of $183,23.

From the statement of the firm concerning the circulation of the Papers of the Church, it appears that there has been a small decrease of subscribers to the Messenger, and but a small increase to the Kirchenzeitung.

New subscribers for the year to the Messenger,		256
" " do " " Kirchenzeitung,		249
" " to the Messenger less than the previous year,	127	
" " " Kirchenzeitung less than the previous year,	131	
Subscribers to Messenger, Oct. 1st, 1859,		2,981
" " " " 1860,		2,883
" Kirchenzeitung " 1859,		2,212
" " " 1860,		2,242
Actual decrease during the year on Messenger,	98	
" increase " " Kirchenzeitung,	30	

This result is owing in a great measure to the money pressure, which has continued to prevail, so that special agencies could not be advantageously employed. It is, notwithstanding, a sad reflection, that comparatively so few of the members of the Church ever read her standard Periodicals. And this accounts for their want of interest in the various enterprises of the Church. If we would extend a true denominational spirit among our members and bind them to our Creed and to our enterprises, we must introduce into every family the periodicals of our Church. But it is sad and humiliating to reflect, that among the many thousands within our beloved Zion, but a few thousand copies of our Church Papers are circulated.

And it is earnestly hoped that Synod will adopt such measures as will ultimately produce a reformation in this direction.

The following is a summary of the receipts and disbursements of the Establishment :

RECEIPTS.

Received on the	Messenger,	$4,734,47	
"	Kirchenzeitung,	1,957,02	
"	Books,	6,785,89	
"	Old building sold,	1,100,00	
"	Binding,	193,31	
"	Engine sold,	150,00	
"	Loans,	2,275,00	
	Due Treasurer, Oct. 1st, 1860,	424,58	
			$17,620,27

DISBURSEMENTS.

Principal Notes paid,	$4,434,58	
Paid on Mansion House,	1,500,00	
Interest, materials, hands, agencies, &c.,	11,171,00	
Balance due Treasurer, Oct. 1st, 1859,	514,69	
		$17,620,27

In reference to the publication of a Church Almanac, the Board could not decide upon the expediency of any decided measures. She would again recommend to Synod the appointment of some proper individual to this work, and let him carry it on under the auspices of Synod and backed by her endorsement of it. In that event, the Board would heartily cöoperate with Synod and with the appointed individual, in the use of all means to accomplish this much desired object. The importance of this enterprise claims the earnest consideration of Synod. The practicability of it is no longer problematic. Other denominations have succeeded, and thereby done an important service in behalf of their various interests, in giving publicity to their peculiar life and measures for the advancement of the cause of the Redeemer.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN REBAUGH, *President.*

SAMUEL PHILIPS, *Secretary.*

The Committee on Nominations submitted their report. It was received and adopted. The Stated Clerk was instructed to have the necessary number of copies of the Nominations printed for the use of Synod. The election was ordered to take place on to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Adjourned. Prayer by the Rev. Samuel N. Callender.

FRIDAY, October 19th, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Opened with singing and prayer by the Rev. Dr. R. S. Cook.

The Rev. Isaac E. Graeff, from the Classis of Lancaster, appeared and took his seat as an advisory member.

The communication from the German pastors of the city of New York and vicinity, made the order of the day for this afternoon at 2 o'clock, was taken up and discussed. This subject not being disposed of by 3 o'clock, the hour fixed upon for taking up the report of the committee on the Theological Tutorship, the latter was laid on the table until the former is disposed of. The consideration of the subject was accordingly continued. After some further discussion, it was

Resolved, That the communication from the German pastors of the city of New York and vicinity be referred to a special committee, to prepare a minute on the subject.

The committee consists of the Rev. Henry F. Hartman, William K. Zieber, Charles H. Leinbach, and Elders William Orth and Charles Hartman.

The report of the committee on the Theological Tutorship was taken up. A number of additional pledges towards the endowment of the Tutorship were received. Before the scheme was completed, the Synod adjourned.

Prayer by the Rev. Jonathan Zeller.

SATURDAY, October 20th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod convened in the Lecture Room of the St. John's German Reformed church, and was opened with singing and prayer by the President.

In the temporary absence of the Stated Clerk, the Rev. Jacob O. Miller was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*

Elder John Bushong obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the sessions.

The Rev. John M. Titzel and Joshua H. Derr, obtained leave of absence until Monday morning.

A bill of expenses incurred by the Rev. Charles Cast, in attending to the duties devolving upon him as a member of the Committee on the German Liturgy, to the amount of $10, was presented. It was

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to pay the account of the Rev. Charles Cast.

The Stated Clerk, having appeared, the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The subject under consideration, at the close of yesterday afternoon's session, the completion of the endowment of the Theological Tutorship, was resumed. After some further discussion, the subject was laid on the table until certain members of the Classis of Lebanon, who are absent, are present.

The report of the committee to make arrangements for a proper celebration of the Third Centennial of the formation and adoption of the Heidelberg Catechism, was received, read and laid on the table for the present.

The following annual report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary was received, read and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary:

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States:

Dear Brethren:—The organization of the Board of Visitors is as follows: *President*, Rev. H. W. Super; *Secretary*, Rev. J. W. Santee; *Treasurer*, Dr. S. R. Fisher. The duties devolving on the Board were attended to, and we report the condition of our Seminary to be encouraging. The Board held two meetings during the year: one in the latter part of March, and the other in July, when the usual examinations were held, which the Board attended. The examinations conducted by the Professors were on the studies pursued during the year, as the Board desired, and showed diligence and progress on the part of the students, and great pains on the part of the Professors. The examinations, in each case, were approved by the Board.

The number of students connected with the Seminary during the year, is 23, of which number 19 were present during the Summer Session, viz: Thomas C. Leinbach, Josiah May, L. J. Mayer, Henry Mosser, J. H. Wagner, J. B. Kerschner, Abraham Bartholomew, E. R. Eschbach, Eli E. Hiester, Philip P. A. Hoffman, A. R. Hottenstein, Joseph H. Johnston, Jacob Kehm, H. R. Nicks, D. O. Shoemaker, Samuel Transue, Edmund Erb, Daniel B. Albright, David Klopp. Five were dismissed with the usual certificate and recommendation. The number who have left, it is expected will be more than made up by accessions of graduates from our College. It is to be desired, and the wants of the Church demand it, that even this number should be much larger, that her waste places might be filled, and her borders extended and the Gospel brought to her now destitute children.

There are under the care of the Board thirty students receiving aid; but this number might be increased, if the Church could feel it a duty to furnish the means. We need not, as a

Board, speak of the cause itself. It is sufficient to call to mind that some of the best pastors and laborers in our Church and sister Churches, came from those thus supported. As the cause is one of great importance, the Board would commend it to the attention of Synod, and ask, if possible, to devise some way by which the Treasury might be kept at least in a comfortable condition, and that many more might enjoy the privileges here offered, in preparing for the holy ministry. That the question here is vital, and is pressing heavily, which all interested in the welfare of our Church must feel, is apparent from the fact, that there was, at the last meeting of the Board, a deficiency of $1,038 48, of which amount a part was due in July, another in September, and still another in October, besides a deficiency to beneficiaries under the care of the Board. As a Church we cannot dispense with this Board, guarding this object, and in order to wipe out this indebtedness, and make preparations for the future, we commend this matter to the prayerful consideration of your reverend body.

The internal condition of the Seminary is thus represented by the report of the Professors: "The moral and religious deportment of the students and their progress in study has been good and encouraging. The faculty are happy to state, that the Seminary, as to number and promise of the students, has never been in a better and more prosperous condition than during the last year."

The Board adopted the suggestion made by Synod's Committee, to have a sermon preached before the students and others, "on some subject connected with the importance and solemnity of their position," the first of which was preached by Dr. Fisher at the meeting in March, and the second by Rev. H. W. Super at the meeting in July. This feature, in connection with the close of the session, is interesting and productive of good.

The Board at the last meeting appointed a committee to prepare "Rules and Regulations" for the government of the Seminary, that all who come into connection with the institution may know and understand her rules, and that no violations, which have occurred heretofore, may hereafter take place. That there are such violations, the Board is aware, though efforts have been made to prevent them, and the Board is obliged to call the attention of Synod to the fact, that her earnest request to the various Classes was not generally heeded, when it is generally known that some of the Classes licensed several students without having been regularly dismissed by the Board. The rule laid down by the Board, and seconded by the action of Synod, having reference to this point, has been of practical good, and its importance will commend itself at once to respect, and hence calls for special action, which may obviate a similar complaint *in the futare.*

The Treasurer announced to the Board that the donation of Mrs. Celinda S. Lott, for the Education cause, had been received, which fact we hereby bring to the notice of your reverend body, and that the same was at once safely invested, according to the wishes of the kind donor. The thanks of Synod are due to her and to those who assisted her in carrying out the pious wish of her deceased father.

These items, it is believed, give your reverend body a faithful account of the doings of the Board for the last year, and also the condition of the Seminary, especially that part which is under the supervision of the Board of Visitors. The accompanying report of the Treasurer will show the state of the finances.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. W. SUPER, *President.*

J. W. SANTEE, *Secretary.*

Board of Education of the German Reformed Church, in account with S. R. FISHER, *Treasurer.*

1859.		CR.	
Oct. 19		By balance on settlement,	$54,44½
Nov. 9	By Cash	received from Waynesboro' congregation $25, Rev. H. Wissler, 9,30, Rev. W. R. Yearick, 5,60, Rev. G. W. M. Schultz, 10, Mrs. Elizabeth Stambaugh, Legacy, 31,66, Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, 5,	86,56
16	"	Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, 6,25, Rev. E. Kieffer, 9,25, Rev. G. Wolff, 30, and Rev. J. Hannabery, 1,90,	47,40
23	"	Rev. J. G. Wolff, Alexandria,	5,00
30	"	Rev. L. C. Edmonds, 15, and Rev. H. Wiegand, 10,	25,00
Dec. 14	"	Rev. D. Y. Heisler,	8,95
21	"	Rev. J. Beck, 56, Rev. H. Wiegand, 10, M. Hensell, 6, Rev. G. W. M. Schultz, 14, and Rev. I. K. Loos, 4,38,	90,38
28	"	Rev. D. Y. Heisler,	7,33
1860.			
Jan. 4	"	Rev. W. M. Deatrick,	10,00
11	"	Rev. G. Wolff, 20,50, Dr. Schaff, 10, Rev. H. Heckerman 25, Rev. C. F. Hoffmeier, 11,	66,50
	"	Loan from Rev. W. T. Gerhard,	100,00
	"	Note of Treasurer discounted, Dec. 19, '59,	246,08
18	"	Rev. D. G. Klein, 5, New Berlin charge, 3, and Union church, 7,85,	15,85
25	"	A Friend, 1, Mary S. Morrison, 5, and Ger. Ref. church, Race street, Philadelphia, 51,	57,00
Feb. 1	"	Rev. J. Hassler, 5, and Rev. J. G. Fritchey 10,11,	15,11
8	"	Rev. J. M. Mickley,	3,53
		Carried forward,	$839,13½

1860.		CR.	
		Amount brought forward,	$839,13½
15	By	Cash from Rev. J. W. Santee, 10, Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, 5, Rev. G. Wolff, 5, and Rev. J. Beck, 33,	53,00
22	"	"L." Pittsburg, Pa., 2, Rev. T. H. Leinbach, 12,59, and Rev. H. Weigand, 9,60,	24,19
29	"	Rev. T. H. Leinbach, 5,75, and Loysville cong., 10,25,	16,00
Mar. 7	"	Rev. J. Rebaugh,	5,00
		Dividend in Harrisburg Bank,	9,00
14	"	"R." 5, and Proceeds of note of Treas., 492,17,	497,17
28	"	Rev. J. Riale, 2,50, and 1st Ger. Ref. ch., Phila., 65,00,	67,50
Apr. 4	"	Rev. S. H. Giesy, 8, and Rev. J. D. Zehring, 28,	36.00
9	"	Note of Treasurer discounted,	350,00
11	"	"A Friend,"	1,50
23	"	George Besore, Treasurer of Synod, Proceeds of the Clopp Fund,	600,00
18	"	J. H. Loux, 1, and Rev. S. R. Fisher, 5,	6,00
25	"	Rev. F. W. Kremer, 76,79, Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, 5,75, Rev. W. Goodrich, 16, and Rev. G. Wolff, 21, 50,	120,04
May 2	"	B. W. J., 5, Ger. Ref. church, Chambersburg, 100, Rev. P A. Schwartz, 15, Rev. T. P. Bucher, 2, C. Benner, 3, and members of church, Easton, 10,	135,00
	"	Mrs. Celinda S. Lott, donation,	500,00
9	"	John Waggoner, 5, W. E. Schwartz, 20, Driesbach congregation, 10, and Rev. A. B. Caspar, 5,	40,00
16	"	"A Friend," 5, Race street church, Philadelphia, 10, and Rev. Dr. B. C. Wolff, 12,	27.00
23	"	Rev. D. Y. Heisler, 10,50, Rev. S. H. Reid, 68cts, Rev. I. G. Brown, 5,75, and Rev. C. F. Hoffmeier, 4,	20,93
30	"	Rev. J. Hannabery, 6, Rev. W. M. Deatrick, 10, Rev. H. Hoffman, 11, Rev. C. A. Rittenhouse, 9, Rev. J. Fritzinger, 27,11, Rev. W. K. Zieber, 40, Rev. J. Sechler, 5, Rev. S. Kuhn, 30, Rev. A. H. Kremer, 31,88, and Rev. F. Wise, 3,	172,99
June 13	"	Rev. W. G. Hackman, 5, "A Friend," 10, Rev. J. Klein, 10,25, Rev. W. A. Good, 8,65, Rev. A. S. Leinbach, 23, Rev. J. E. Hiester, 2,65, Rev. H. Wagner, 13,71, "A Friend," 5, and "A Young Friend," 2,50,	80,76
20	"	3rd German Reformed church, Baltimore, 10, Rev. S. H. Giesy, 10, Rev. W. F. Colliflower, 5, Rev. H. Wissler, 15, Rev. W. E. Krebs, 5,06, Rev. M. L. Shuford, 3,66, Rev. D. S. Tobias, 44, Rev. L C. Edwards, 19, Rev. W. H. Groh, 26, Rev. D. G. Klein, 5, Rev. A. B. Caspar, 82 cts., Rev. H. Daniel, 10, col. at W. Susq. Cl., 26,12, Union church, 4, and New Berlin, 13,	196,66
27	"	U. P., 1, D L., 5, Rev. I. K. Loos, 10, West Susq. Classis, per C. H. L., 10, Rev. W. H. Groh, 24,69, and Rev. G. W. M. Schultz, 15,	65,69
		Carried over,	$3,863,56½

1860.		CR.	
		Amount brought over,	$3,863,56½
July 11	By Cash from Rev. Dr. Schaff, 10, Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, 6,50, Rev. J. B. Pörner, 2,00, Rev. E. Kieffer, 9,25, Rev. C. A. Rittenhouse, 40 cents,		28,75
	"	Dividend in Harrisburg Bank,	11,25
Aug. 1	"	Rev. M. A. Smith, 10, Rev. J. O. Miller, 25, Rev. B. Bausman, 50,	85,00
2	"	Note of Treasurer discounted,	296,80
July 25	"	Rev. G. W. M. Schultz,	5,75
Aug. 8	"	Rev. N. Gehr,	25,00
15	"	Rev. J. E. Hiester, 4, and Rev. F. W. Kremer, 5,55,	9,55
20	"	Rev. G. Wolff,	16,25
Sept. 5	"	Rev. D. Y. Heisler, 31, and Rev. J. E. Hiester, 7,	38,00
12	"	Race street church, Philadelphia,	125,00
19	"	Rev. T. H. Leinbach, 4,35, and Rev. J. Gring, 3,58,	7,93
26	"	Rev. G. E. Addams, 6,91, Rev. C. Scheel, 3,30, and Danville charge, 15,	25,21
Oct. 3	"	C. H., per Rev. D. Weiser,	5,00
10	"	Upper Strasburg congregation,	2,27
17	"	G. Besore, Treasurer of Theological Seminary, Proceeds of the Clopp Fund,	40,00
	"	M. Kieffer & Co., interest,	21,08
	"	Rev. P. S. Fisher, 12,25, and Rev. H. Wiegand, 11,50,	23,75
	"	Rev. G. W. Glesner, 10, Rev. H. Wissler, 10, Rev. S. H. Giesy, 15,35, Rev. J. G. Fritchey, 12,07, and Rev. C. Scheell, 2,73,	50,15
	"	Rev. F. A. Rupley, Shippensburg,	25,00
	"	Rev. W. H. Groh, Boalsburg charge,	40,00
	"	E. W. Reinecke, Plainfield cong., 15,39, Forks, 22,54, Union, 4,48, added self 9 cents,	42,50
	"	Rev. G. E. Addams, Frankford church,	4,25
	"	Rev. L. K. Derr, Miss. Soc., Tamaqua, St. John's German Reformed church,	10,00
	"	Rev. N. E. Gilds, Harvest collection,	15,00
	"	Zions Classis, per Wm. A. Wilt, Treas.,	432,75
		Balance due Treasurer,	34,37
			$5,284,17½

SUMMARY OF CREDITS.

Collections and interest, - - - -	$2,610,31
Loans, - - - -	1,485,05
Treasurer of Theological Seminary, - - -	600,00
Donation of Mrs. Lott, - - -	500,00
Balance in Treasury last report, - - -	54,44½
Balance due Treasurer, - - -	34,37
	$5,284,17½

1860.		DR.	
Oct. 19	To amount paid Beneficiaries, as per vouchers,		$2,926,64
	" Principal on loans,		1,200,00
	" Interest on loans,		82,53
	" George Besore, Treasurer of Theological Seminary,		600,00
	" Travelling expenses allowed,		5,00
	" Error in credit of last report,		20,00
	" Donation of Mrs. Lott, funded,		500,00
			$5,284,17

LOANS DUE BY TREASURER.

Bank, - - - - - - -	$300,00
Chambersburg Saving Fund, - - - -	200,00
Mechanics Saving Bank, - - - -	200,00
	$700,00

The undersigned, appointed to audit the foregoing account, examined it by vouchers and found it correct.

J. HASSLER.

Oct. 19, 1860.

The consideration of the report of the Committee on the Theological Tutorship was resumed. The appointment of a Theological Tutor, as recommended by the Committee, was taken into consideration. After some discussion, it was

Resolved, That the subject of the appointment of a Theological Tutor be referred to a committee.

This committee consists of the Rev. Dr. John W. Nevin, Jacob O. Miller, Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart, and Elders John P. Reed and Charles Santee.

The remainder of the report was referred to the above committee.

The following annual report of the Trustees of Synod was received, read and referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. Samuel H. Reid, Earnest W. Reinecke, N. S. Strassburger, and Elders Henry Ruby and Daniel Follmer:

LEBANON, Pa., October 20, 1860.

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States:

The persons named in the Legislative charter, as Trustees of the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States, held their first meeting during the sessions of the Synod of 1859, at Harrisburg, and in accordance with the provisions of said charter, fixed by lot the period of their respective terms of office, and organized by the election of the proper officers of the Board.

1.) The term of one of the members has expired and by the charter, it devolves on Synod to elect another in his stead for the period of five years.

According to direction of Synod (Minutes of 1859, page 119) they beg leave "to offer to Synod the names of two individuals whom they deem suitable candidates for the office of Trustee," to wit: John Heilman of Heilman's Dale, Lebanon county, and John Weist of the city of Philadelphia.

2.) The Treasurer of Synod, Wm. Heyser, Esq, has exhibited his account to the Trustees. It has been found correct. Receipts $809,24, and the disbursments, for all of which he has proper vouchers, $535,57, leaving a balance in his hands of $273,67. The loan made by him from the Bank of Chambersburg of $500 will be due in a few days. He reports $441,36 as being due by various Classes on Contingent Fund. If this would be promptly paid, as it ought to be, the Treasury would be free of debt and have a surplus. Special attention by Synod is respectfully asked to this delinquency of the Classes.

3.) By the 7th Section of the charter, it is provided that the corporation "shall have power and authority to manage and dispose of *all monies, goods, chattles, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, and other estate whatsoever committed to their care and trust by the said Synod of the German Reformed Church.*" The Synod of 1859 (see Minutes, page 118), committed to the care of the Trustees aforesaid, "all the real and personal estate, with all papers and documents belonging to Synod;" and on page 100 of same Minutes, it will be found that the Trustees of Synod were instructed to "enter into such arrangements with M. Kieffer & Co., as will fully secure the interest of Synod in the real estate held by the Printing Establishment conducted by M. Kieffer & Co." It has been ascertained, that the property in Chambersburg occupied as a Printing House, and which on page 95 (Minutes of 1859), is valued at ten thousand dollars, being designated "Lot and building," and the purchase of which Synod authorized for the use of our Printing Establishment, is held in fee simple by the three persons composing the firm of M. Kieffer & Co., to wit: Rev. M. Kieffer, D. D., Rev. S. R. Fisher, D. D., and Rev. B. S. Schneck, D. D, and conveyed to them in their individual names, to them, their heirs and assigns.

The accounts presented by said firm statedly to Synod apparently show, that the monies accruing in the transaction of the regular business of the Establishment, are to be devoted to the payment of this property as required from time to time. It is patent to every mind, that the practical result of all this will be, and is now indeed, that the aforesaid house and lot of ground is vested in the three individuals named.

If Synod will turn to page 140 of the Minutes for 1858, they

will find the contract which exists between M. Kieffer & Co. and the Church. It declares specifically, that "the Synod and the firm shall be joint and equal owners of the property that now belongs, or may hereafter belong to the Establishment," and further, "should it at any time become expedient or necessary to sell the property belonging to the Establishment, the proceeds thereof shall be equally divided between the Synod and the firm." From all this, it clearly appears, that a grave error has been committed in the manner in which the title to our property has been made out. The Trustees feel assured, however, that there was no intention on the part of any persons connected with the transaction, to do any thing whereby the interests of Synod would be jeopardized or lost; but they believe that all was done in good faith, and for, as the parties thereto considered, the best interests of the Church. The brethren composing the firm of M. Kieffer & Co., have expressed a willingness to do, in the premises, whatever Synod may advise, and your Trustees feel that before they would take any action, they also need definite instructions from Synod.

The pecuniary interests of our Church are yearly assuming a greater importance, and the object should now be to gather up into an available form all the heretofore scattered resources of the Church, and so to manage the funds and property entrusted to our hands, as that all who shall desire to contribute during life or by legacy, may rest assurred that every precaution is taken by us not to disappoint their hopes. The creation of a Board of Trustees was an essentially important step in this direction, and this Board would now appeal to our membership at large to take into serious consideration the varied benevolent interests claiming their material support and sympathy, and to place in the hands of the Trustees such amounts as they feel they can spare to build up the cause of our blessed Redeemer.

Respectfully submitted,

RUD. F. KELKER,

President of the Board of Trustees of Synod.

The following is the report of the Treasurer of Synod accompanying this document:

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN—The annexed account will show the amount of the receipts and expenditures for the past year.

The amount received, as per exhibit, is $523,25, which, including the balance in the Treasurer's hands at last settlement of $285,99, makes the gross amount $809,24; of which there

has been paid out $535,57, leaving a balance in the Treasury of $273,67.

Agreeably to a resolution of Synod, your Treasurer was required to make a loan of $500,00 to liquidate the balance due on the $17,000 fund, the same to be paid over to George Z. Kunkel, Esq. Your Treasurer made various efforts to procure said loan from private sources, but failed entirely. He was, therefore, compelled to negotiate it on his own responsibility from the Bank of Chambersburg, payable at ninety days. The money was accordingly paid over as directed. The amount of M. Kieffer & Co's. account for printing Minutes is $685,00. On their bill there has been paid $403,55, leaving a balance due them of $282,45.

The balance in the Treasury is held with the view, if no other provision is made, to be applied in part payment of the loan of $500. The legacy of Peter Cook, Esq., deceased, is still unavailing. The Executor assures me, that the interest due from April, 1858, will be shortly paid, and that the principal will be paid on next April. The interest on that part of the Kieffer legacy, not transferred to the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, has been received and paid over to that officer. The amount remaining due by the several Classes is $441,36, a statement of which accompanies this report. The importance of prompt payment is very manifest in order that the current liabilities may be met. It is very evident, that the contingent expenses are annually increasing, and as a matter of course, will require larger apportionments to meet them.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. HEYSER, *Treasurer.*

The Synod of the German Reformed Church in account with WILLIAM HEYSER, *Treasurer.*

1859.			CR.	
Dec.	14	By cash from Maryland Classis, per Rev. W. F. Colliflower,		$2,00
	21	" " " " " "		1,00
1860	21	" Zions " per Mr. W. A. Wilt,		23,00
May	16	" Virginia " per Rev. H. St. J. Rinker,		20,00
		" Dividend H. Bank,		21,00
	16	" Lebanon Classis, per Rev. I. Miese,		5,00
		" Mercersburg, " " " S. R. Fisher,		60,00
	30	" East Susq'a. " " " G. Wolff,		30,00
June	13	" Lebanon, " " " F. W. Kremer,		32,00
		" West Susq'a. " " Mr. J. A. Mertz,		28,00
	18	" Maryland, " " Rev. W. F. Colliflower,		50
		" West Susq'a. " " " C. H. Leinbach,		1,00
		" East " " " " G. Wolff,		6,00
		Carried forward,		$229,50

CR.

1860.		Brought forward,				$229,50
July 4	By cash from	Goshenhoppen	Classis	per	Rev. A. J. Dubs,	59,25
11	"	Maryland,	"	"	" W. F. Colliflower,	68,00
25	"	Clarion	"	"	" A. Dale,	30,00
	"	West Susq'a.	"	"	Mr. J. A. Mertz,	2,00
Aug. 8	"	Lebanon	"	"	Rev. C. F. McCauley,	2,50
15	"	"	"	"	" A. L. Herman,	5,00
	"	Zions	"	"	Mr. W. A. Wilt,	74,00
22	"	New York	"	"	Mr. George Bachman,	20,00
Sept. 19	"	Lebanon	"	"	Rev. F. W. Kremer,	3,00
		Clarion	"	"	" J. G. Shoemaker,	30,00
		Balance in Treasury at settlement,				285,99
						$809,24

DR.

1860.				
Sept. 19	To cash paid	Rev. S. R. Fisher, Stated Clerk,		$75,00
	" " "	Joshua H. Derr, translating Minutes,		25,00
	" " "	George Wolff, expenses to Synod of Ohio,		25,00
	" " "	E. V. Gerhart, expenses,		1,12½
	" " "	Stamps for mailing Minutes,		4,52
	" " "	Printing Tickets,		1,00
	" " "	Freight Centenary books,		37½
Oct. 14	" " "	M. Kieffer & Co. printing Minutes,		403,55
		Balance,		273,67
				$809,24

Dr. to loan from Bank of Chambersburg,	$500,00
Discount for 90 days added,	7,83
	$507,83

Amount due by Classes on the Contingent Fund:

East Pennsylvania	Classis,	1858 and 1859,	$120,00
East Susquehanna	"	1859	7,50
Lebanon	"	do	2,50
Lancaster	"	do	45,00
Zions	"	do	15,00
Virginia	"	do	20,00
Goshenhoppen	"	1858 and 1859,	50,40
Philadelphia	"	1848 to 1859,	134,96
North Carolina	"	1852 to 1858,	46,00
			$441,36

The Rev. William D. C. Rodrock, from the Classis of East Pennsylvania, appeared and took his seat as an advisory member.

Rev. John G. Wiehle obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the sessions.

Adjourned. Prayer by the Rev. Isaac Gerhart.

SATURDAY, October 20th, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Opened with singing and prayer by the Rev. Benjamin Bausman.

The order of the day, the election of delegates to Corresponding bodies and the different Boards connected with Synod, was laid on the table for the present.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes submitted the following report, which was received, read and then laid on the table for the present:

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of Classes present the following report:

I.) IRREGULARITIES.

1.) The Minutes of the Classis of New York are not signed by the officers.

2.) The Classis of Philadelphia failed to send their report on the state of religion and statistical table on a separate sheet.

3.) The West Susquehanna Classis adopted a resolution instituting a new test of Church-membership, viz: the trafficing in ardent spirits as a beverage.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1.) The Clarion Classis requests Synod so to change the Lemmata that the Minutes of Synod may be published in the order in which they are transacted.

2.) The same Classis requests Synod to fix definitely the boundary line between it and the East Susquehanna Classis as follows: Starting at the south east corner of Clearfield county, thence with the north east boundary lines of Clearfield, Elk, and McKean counties, to the New York State line.

3.) The same Classis requests Synod to permit it to constitute a new Classis to be called the St. Paul's Classis, embracing all the territory of the present Clarion Classis lying north and west of the Alleghany river.

4.) The same Classis requests Synod to take into consideration the propriety of establishing an Orphan Asylum.

5.) The Maryland Classis requests Synod to recommend to the Classes to send as delegates to Synod only those ministers who are regularly and exclusively engaged in the pastoral work.

6.) The same Classis requests Synod to take such action as will in the future prevent the late appearance of the Minutes of Synod.

7.) The New York Classis requests Synod to remit the unpaid balance of its indebtedness to the Seminary.

8.) The same Classis requests Synod to provide for a better

translation of the Minutes of Synod into the German language, in the future.

9.) The same Classis requests Synod to have the Minutes published within two months after her meeting, and that they be sent freight free.

10.) The Classis of Goshenhoppen requests Synod to fix definitely the boundary line between it and the Classis of East Pennsylvania, and proposes the following: The Lehigh from Easton to Allentown, and from thence to the Schuylkill, in such manner as they may deem advisable.

11.) The Lebanon Classis requests Synod to have her Minutes ready for distribution at an earlier date.

12.) The Classis of Philadelphia requests Synod to take measures to secure the earlier appearance of the Minutes of Synod, and the appointment of a competent clerk to prepare the German edition.

13.) The same Classis requests Synod to reconsider its resolution in regard to the *bonus* of a thousand dollars granted to the firm of M. Kieffer & Co., in consideration of their yielding their right to publish the new German Hymn book.

14.) The same Classis requests Synod to rescind its action in regard to the complaint of the Goshenhoppen Classis, charging some of its ministers with interfering with some of the pastoral charges of said Classis.

15.) West Susquehanna Classis requests Synod so to correct the Minutes, that Rev. F. J. Mohr do not appear to have absented himself from part of her sessions without leave.

16.) The same Classis requests Synod to reconsider, and if possible, to revoke its action touching Dr. Schaff's German Hymn book, and to allow him to withdraw it until after the expiration of the existing contract with M. Kieffer & Co.

17.) The same Classis requests Synod to open a correspondence with the Moravian Church.

18.) The same Classis requests Synod to take notice of the fact, that able bodied men in our Church are forsaking the ministry and engaging in the *County Superintendency of Common Schools.*

19.) The same Classis requests Synod to make provision for the prompt publication and distribution of her Minutes.

20.) The same Classis requests Synod to publish a Certificate of Births, Baptisms and Confirmations, all on one sheet.

21.) The same Classis requests Synod to organize a Sunday School Association of the German Reformed Church.

22.) The Classis of Lancaster requests Synod to make arrangements to have the Minutes sent pre-paid at as early a date as

possible, and add the postage to the contingent liabilities of the several Classes.

23.) The same Classis requests Synod to furnish the Church with a Sunday School Hymn book.

24.) The same Classis requests Synod to reconsider its action granting a bonus of $1,000 to the firm of M. Kieffer & Co, for surrendering their right to publish the new German Hymn book.

25.) The Classis of East Susquehanna requests Synod to make provision for the earlier publication of the Minutes.

26.) The Classis of East Pennsylvania requests Synod to direct the Classis of Goshenhoppen to recall the present pastor of the Lower Saucon congregation immediately.

27.) The Classis of East Pennsylvania requests Synod to reconsider its action in regard to the German Hymn book, so far as relates to the bonus granted the firm of M. Kieffer & Co.

28.) The Classis of Lebanon requests Synod to instruct the Stated Clerk to furnish the Minutes at a earlier date.

29.) The Classis of Maryland dissents from the action of Synod, in adopting the new German Hymn book without first submitting it to the decision of the several Classes, which in its judgment is required by the Constitution.

30.) The same Classis dissents from the decision of Synod, declaring the reception of an Elder as a member of Classis, whose credentials had not been received at an annual meeting, as irregular.

31.) The Classis of New York complains that the assessment of $20 upon it to the contingent fund is too high.

III. APPEALS. None.

IV. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

1.) The Classis of Virginia expresses its willingness to comply with the request of Synod, as it regards operating through the Board of Domestic Missions, provided they can have due credit given them for missionary appropriations made within their own bounds.

2.) The Classis of Goshenhoppen declines directing the Rev. A. J. G. Dubs to resign the Lower Saucon congregation, for reasons assigned in her minutes, Page 2 and 3.

V. LICENSURE, ORDINATIONS, RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSIONS.

The Clarion Classis licensed and ordained Messrs. E. D. and D. O. Shoemaker; and received the Rev. H. Daniel, from the West Susquehanna Classis, and the licentiate L. J. Mayer from the Lebanon Classis.

The Classis of Goshenhoppen deposed S. K. Gross from the Christian ministry, and declared his congregations vacant; received the Rev. D. Rothrock from the Classis of East Pennsylvania, and dismissed the Rev. A. S. Vaughan to the Classis of North Carolina, and the Rev. Wm. G. Hackman to the Philadelphia Classis.

The Classis of Mercersburg dismissed the licentiate George E. Addams, and the Rev. J. M. Mickley, to the Classis of Zion, and Rev. W. D. C. Rodrock to the Classis of East Pennsylvania; received Rev. John Ault and Rev. D. Hefelfinger from the Zions Classis; Rev. Caspar Scheel from the Classis of Indiana; and licensed Messrs. Wm. R. H. Deatrick, John H. Wagner and Josiah May to preach the Gospel.

The Classis of Maryland dismissed the Rev. G. E. Gramm and S. H. Giesy to the Classis of Philadelphia; and the Rev. C. Cast to the Classis of St. Joseph; received Rev. Emanuel Boehringer, ordained at the last meeting of Synod, and licensed Mr. Charles Yeakel.

The Classis of Philadelphia received Rev. G. E. Gramm from the Classis of Maryland, and licensed Mr. Jesse L. Weber and J. G. Neuber.

The Classis of Zion received Rev. J. M. Mickley and the licentiate G. E. Addams from the Classis of Mercersburg and ordained the latter; received the licentiate Henry Mosser from the Classis of Lebanon and ordained him; and licensed and ordained Mr. A. R. Kremer.

The Classis of East Susquehanna received Rev. H. S. Bassler from the Classis of Illinois; licensed Mr. George B. Dechant to preach the Gospel, and dismissed him to the East Pennsylvania Classis.

The Classis of East Pennsylvania received from the Classis of East Susquehanna the licentiate George B. Dechant, and ordained him; and received Rev. J. Henry Dubs, who was ordained at the last meeting of Synod.

The Classis of Lancaster licensed Mr. C. Dennis; and dismissed Rev. H. Harbaugh, D. D., to the Classis of Lebanon.

The Classis of Lebanon licensed Lucian J. Mayer, Henry Mosser, Thomas C. Leinbach, George R. Zacharias, and ordained Thomas C. Leinbach; dismissed the licentiate Lucian J. Mayer to the Classis of Clarion, and the licentiate Henry Mosser to the Classis of Zion, and received the Rev. H. Harbaugh, D. D., from the Classis of Lancaster.

The Classis of West Susquehanna licensed Mr. J. K. Millet; received Rev. I. S. Weisz from Lancaster Classis, Synod of Ohio; and dismissed Rev. H. Daniels to the Classis of Clarion; and the Rev. P. A. Schwartz to the Classis of Maryland.

ANNUAL MEETINGS OF CLASSES.

The Classis of Virginia will meet in Shepherdstown, Jefferson county, Va., on Friday before the third Sabbath in May, 1861. Rev. J. C. Hensel, *President*, and Rev. H. St. John Rinker, *Stated Clerk*.

The Classis of Clarion will meet in Salem church, Limestone township, Clarion county, Pa., on the last Thursday in May, at 10 o'clock, A. M., 1861. Rev. Lucian Cort, *President*, and Rev. J. G. Shoemaker, *Stated Clerk*.

The Classis of New York holds its next annual meeting in Zions Evangelical Reformed church of Rahway, New Jersey, on the first Wednesday after Whitsunday, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. D. Willers, *President*, and Rev. Oscar Lohr, *Secretary*.

The Classis of Goshenhoppen meets in Friedensville, Lehigh county, Pa., on the second Friday in May, 1861, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Rev. P. S. Fisher, *President*, and Rev. N. S. Strassburger, *Stated Clerk*.

The Classis of Philadelphia meets at Norristown, Pa., on the first Tuesday after Whitsuntide, 1861, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. N. S. Aller, *President*, and Rev. P. S. Davis, *Secretary*.

The Classis of Mercersburg meets at Mercersburg, Franklin county, Pa., on the Friday before the third Sabbath in May, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. H. W. Super, *President*, and Rev. W. M. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk*.

The Classis of Maryland will meet at Middletown, Frederick county, Maryland, on Friday after Whitsunday, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev. E. Heiner, D. D., *President*, and Rev. Wm. F. Colliflower, *Stated Clerk*.

The Classis of Zion will meet at Jefferson, York county, Pa., on the second Tuesday in May, 1861, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev. Jacob Ziegler, *President*, and Rev. E. H. Hoffheins, *Stated Clerk*.

The Classis of East Pennsylvania will meet in Foglesville, Lehigh county, on Thursday before Ascension day, at 10 o'clock, A. M, 1861. Rev. D. Y. Heisler, *President*, and Rev. J. H. Derr, *Stated Clerk*.

The Classis of East Susquehanna will meet in Mahony church, in Rev. J. Fritzinger's charge, on the fourth Thursday in May, 1861, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. George Wolff, *President*, and Rev. William Goodrich, *Stated Clerk*.

The Classis of West Susquehanna meets at Aaronsburg, Centre county, Pa., on Thursday before the third Sunday in May, 1861, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev. Henry Wiegand, *President*, and Rev. D. G. Klein, *Stated Clerk*.

The Classis of Lebanon meets at Schuylkill Haven, Schuyl-

kill county, Pa., on Friday after Ascension day, at 7 o'clock, P.M. Rev. Aaron S. Leinbach, *President*, and Rev. Jonathan E. Heister, *Secretary*.

The Classis of Lancaster holds its next annual meeting at Hummelstown, Dauphin county, Pa., on the Friday after Whitsunday, 1861, hour not specified. Rev. Thomas C. Porter, *President*, and Rev. F. Aug. Gast, *Secretary*.

A. H. KREMER, *Chairman*.

The Synod proceeded to the election of delegates to Corresponding bodies and the different Boards connected with Synod. The Rev. Samuel N. Callender and Daniel Gans were appointed tellers, who superintended the election and subsequently reported the following result:

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

To the German Reformed Synod of Ohio and adjacent States.—Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff, *primarius*, and Rev. Joshua H. Derr, *secundus*.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.—Rev. Samuel H. Reid, *primarius*, and Rev. Thomas G. Apple, *secundus*.

To the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States.—Rev. Nicholas Gehr, *primarius*, and Rev. Peter S. Fisher, *secundus*.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The following members of the former Board were retained: William Heyser, George Besore, Henry Ruby, Joshua Motter, David Zeller, George Cook, Charles Hartman, Daniel W. Gross, David Hensell, George Z. Kunkel, George P. Etchberger, Adam B. Wingert, Bernard Wolff, Martin Rickenbaugh, James Cushwa, John H. Winterode, and Jacob Shober. In the place of the one whose name is omitted, Dr. Stephen B. Kieffer, of Carlisle, Pa., was elected.

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The following members of the former Board were retained: Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Fisher, Daniel G. Bragonier, John Rebaugh, Amos H. Kremer, Charles F. McCauley, Dr. Henry Harbaugh, Henry W. Super, Jacob Hassler, Frederick A. Rupley, Thomas G. Apple, and Joseph W. Santee. In the place of the one, whose name is omitted, the Rev. Benjamin Bausman was elected.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The following persons were re-elected: Rev. John Rebaugh, Henry W. Super, Frederick A. Rupley, Samuel Philips, and Messrs. John Lambert, James Nill, Lyman S. Clark, Jacob Heyser and John *Bowman*.

BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

From the Classis of East Pennsylvania.—Rev. Joseph S Dubs and John Beck.

" " *Lebanon.*—Rev. Franklin W. Kremer and Thomas H. Leinbach.

" " *Zion.*—Rev. Amos H. Kremer and Jacob O. Miller.

" " *Maryland.*—Rev. John S. Foulk and Walter E. Krebs.

" " *North Carolina.*—Rev. Jeremiah Ingold and Thornton Butler.

" " *Philadelphia.*—Rev. Dr. John H. A. Bomberger and Nicholas Gehr.

" " *Virginia.*—Rev. George H. Martin and Daniel Feete.

" " *Mercersburg.*—Rev. John Rebaugh and Thomas G. Apple.

" " *New York.*—Rev. John F. Busche and Diedrich Willers.

" " *Goshenhoppen.*—Rev. Daniel Weiser and N. S. Strassburger.

" " *Lancaster.*—Rev. Isaac Gerhart and Daniel Gans.

" " *East Susquehanna.*—Rev. George Wolff and Albert G. Dole.

" " *West Susquehanna.*—Rev. Charles H. Leinbach and Israel S. Weisz.

" " *Clarion* —Rev. David B. Ernst and Henry F. Hartman.

From the Church in General.—Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh, Theodore Apple, Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart, John G. Wiehle, Samuel H. Giesy, Peter S. Davis, Samuel G. Wagner, and Messrs. Daniel W. Gross, Charles Santee, and John Wiest.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

OFFICERS.—Rev. Dr. Elias Heiner, *President and Treasurer;* ~~Rev. Daniel Ziegler~~, *Recording Secretary;* Rev. Dr. Bernard C. ~~Wolff, *Corresponding* Secretary.~~

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—Rev. ~~Deidrich~~ Willers, Dr. Daniel Zacharias, William F. Colliflower, John S. Foulk, ~~and Messrs. John Rodenmayer, John~~ Keafauver, Joseph K. Milnor, Christian Steiner and Goldsboro S. Griffith.

The election to fill the vacancy in the Board of Trustees of the Synod, was ordered to take place on Monday afternoon at half past two o'clock.

The Synod proceeded to fix the time and place for hold its next annual sessions, whereupon Easton, Pa., was cho by acclamation as the place, and the third Tuesday evening October, at half past 7 o'clock, P. M., 1861, was chosen as time.

The report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes was ken up.

IRREGULARITIES.

Items 1 and 2 were adopted.

Item 3 was laid on the table until the Committee on Ov tures report.

REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

Requests No. 1 and 2 were adopted.

Request No. 3, after some discussion was had upon it, w laid on the table until the Committee on Overtures report.

Request No. 4, was referred to a special committee, consi ing of the Rev. John S. Foulk, Samuel H. Reid, Daniel Ga and Elders Stephen B. Kieffer and Charles Santee, with structions to report at the next annual sessions of Synod.

Request No. 5, was taken into consideration. Before it w disposed of, Synod adjourned.

Prayer by Elder Stephen B. Kieffer.

MONDAY, October 22nd, 9 o'clock, A. M

Opened with singing and prayer by the Rev. Amos H. Kre er.

The Minutes of Saturday's sessions were read, and adopt

Rev. Dr. Daniel Zacharias, from the Classis of Maryland, a C. H. Reiter from the German Reformed Synod of Ohio a adjacent States, appeared and took their seats as advisory me bers.

The subject under consideration at the close of Saturd evening's session, the report of the Committee on Minutes Classes, was resumed. The discussion on Request No. 5, w continued until 10 o'clock, when it was laid on the table, w a view to take up the order of the day, the report of the Co mittee to whom was referred the Child's Catechism.

The committee, to whom the Child's Catechism was referr submitted the following report, which was received, and tl laid on the table for the present, to admit of the recept

of the report of the committee, to whom was referred the communication from the several German pastors of the city of New York and vicinity:

Your committee on the Child's Catechism would respectfully report:

That whilst the Catechism is not as perfect, according to the design contemplated, as your committee in its judgment might wish to see it, they nevertheless are of the opinion, that Synod should approve of it, in its present corrected form, with the few slight modifications herewith suggested, and place it within the reach of the Sabbath schools of the church, so as to comply with the great and pressing wants of our German Reformed Zion in this particular, throughout the length and breadth of our land. The corrections and modifications proposed are as follows:

1.) *Third Lord's Day.*—Fifth answer to read: Because I *became* a Christian, &c., instead of, "was made a Christian."

2.) *Fourteenth Lord's Day.*—Page 21, first question. The answer in the judgment of your committee would better read: "From all eternity," instead of "Before all worlds."

3.) *Twenty-Second Lord's Day.*—Page 37, fifth question: Why is the Church called Holy, &c.? The answer to be changed so as to read: "Because Christ its Head is Holy, and its members are set apart and called to be holy."

Question 6th should read: "Are all members of the Church personally holy?" instead of, "Are all in the Church," &c.

Question 7th should read: "Will the Church, *with* all its faithful members, be perfectly holy at last?

Whilst the slight modifications thus suggested do not in a material sense, in any way alter the plan or design of the authors, it is thought by your committee, they may serve to simplify the doctrinal teachings, and, in some measure, remove certain expressions which, in their judgment, might be regarded as objectionable.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. MILLER, *Chairman.*

The committee, to whom was referred the communication from the several German pastors of the city of New York and vicinity, submitted the following report, which was received:

The committee, to whom was referred the communication of twenty-four pastors of German churches in the city of New York and vicinity, requesting the temporary release of Professor Dr. Schaff from his duties in connection with this Synod, with a view to his aiding them in founding a German daily journal, respectfully report:

That they have given the subject an earnest and thorough consideration, and that its importance has grown upon them as they have tried to realize the necessities which have prompted this movement, and the consequences likely to result therefrom. The single fact, that twenty-four respected pastors of various denominations unite in this petition, invests the subject with manifest importance. The proposed undertaking, moreover, commends itself as one of unquestionable moment as a means of counteracting the influence of the Anti-Christian and demoralizing German Newspaper Press, as also of uniting the American and German population of the country in the propagation and defence of the great principles of religion, morals and true liberty, cherished by both nationalities.

Your committee have become deeply impressed with the idea, that, as all the branches of the Church of Christ share in the sufferings which are sought to be relieved by this movement, so they will reap benefits from its being successfully carried out.

Whilst therefore, we acknowledge the sacrifice which Synod is called upon to make, in even temporarily severing its connection with a brother, whose labors have been a continual blessing to the Church, we nevertheless cannot but think the object worthy of such sacrifice, and, if it should accord with Dr. Schaff's sense of duty to enter upon this new field of labor, Synod should not refuse its concurrence, provided satisfactory arrangements can be made to supply the temporary vacancy of the Theological chair at Mercersburg.

We therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That we commit the whole matter to the decision of the Rev. Dr. Schaff, praying that the Head of the Church will so guide him, that the result will redound to the interests of Christ's Kingdom in our land.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY F. HARTMAN, *Chairman.*

The report was then taken into consideration. Before it was disposed of, however, the Synod adjourned.

Prayer by the Rev. Henry Hoffman.

MONDAY, October 22d, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Opened with singing and prayer by Elder Henry Ruby.

The Rev. William M. Deatrick, delegate *secundus* from the Classis of Mercersburg, was admitted to the seat occupied by the *primarius*, the *Rev. Nathaniel E. Gilds.*

Rev. Nicholas Gehr, delegate *secundus* from the Classis of Philadelphia, was admitted to the seat vacated by the absence of the *primarius*, the Rev. John G. Wiehle.

The Rev. Augustus L. Dechant, delegate from the Classis of Goshenhoppen, obtained leave of absence after to-day's sessions.

Elder Stephen B. Kieffer and the Rev. Jacob O. Miller were appointed a committee to collect an assessment of twenty-five cents upon each member of Synod, for the purpose of remunerating the sexton for his services.

The subject under discussion at the close of the morning's session, the report of the committee to whom had been referred the communication from the German pastors of the city of New York and vicinity, was resumed, and continued until half-past two o'clock. It was then laid on the table, with a view to take up the order of the day, the election of a member of the Board of Trustees of Synod. The election was accordingly held. The Rev. Earnest W. Reinecke and Henry W. Super were appointed tellers, who superintended the election, which resulted in the choice of John Heilman, of Heilman's Dale, Lebanon county, Pa.

The Rev. Dr. Benjamin S. Schneck, of the Classis of Mercersburg, and the Rev. William Philips, of the Classis of Goshenhoppen, appeared and took their seats as advisory members.

The consideration of the report under discussion at the commencement of the election, was resumed. Several substitutes were offered for the original resolution appended to the report and fully discussed. Before the subject was disposed of, however, the Synod adjourned.

Prayer by Elder Rudolph F. Kelker.

TUESDAY, October 23d, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Opened with singing and prayer by the Rev. Jacob Hassler.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The subject under consideration at the close of yesterday afternoon's session, was laid on the table to admit of the taking up a few items of business.

The Rev. Dr. Benjamin S. Schneck, chairman of the committee on correspondence with the German Evangelical Church Diet, laid before Synod a copy of the letter which had been sent to the Church Diet. The letter was received, and then

recommitted to the committee with instructions to carry out the objects expressed in a resolution adopted at a former session of the present meeting of Synod.

Elder John Souder, from the Classis of Virginia, obtained leave of absence after this morning's session.

The Committee on Examination, Lincensure and Ordination, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Examination and Licensure respectfully report, that no applicants for licensure have been referred to your Committee by Synod for examination.

E. V. GERHART, *Chairman.*

The committee to whom had been referred by the last annual Synod certain discrepancies, between certain forms in the New Liturgy and the Constitution of the Church, submitted the following report, which was received, and laid on the table for the present:

The committee to whom was referred the question of discrepancy between certain forms of the Provisional Liturgy and the Constitution of the Church, beg leave to submit the following report:

The committee held a meeting at Harrisburg on the thirteenth of July last, and devoted a day to a free and full discussion of the whole subject. All the members were present except Elder Knode.

There is evidently a conflict between certain offices of the Church, as given in the New Liturgy which Synod has authorized ministers to use provisionally and the requirements of the Constitution. The Forms for Confirmation and the Baptism of Adults do not harmonize with the Constitution, part Fourth, Articles six and ten. But these discrepancies have grown out of the nature of the Liturgy movement. The Church has been striving earnestly for the last ten years to produce an Order of Worship more fully in accordance with her historical character, and better adapted to her present wants than is provided by the extant Liturgies, or prescribed by existing laws and regulations. It could not, therefore, in the nature of the case, take the Constitution, a changeable system of rules, as the norm of a Liturgy which was designed to be an improvement on the past.

To remove these discrepancies, one of two things may be done. The Provisional Liturgy may be so modified as to conform it to the Constitution; or the Constitution may be so modified as to conform it to the Provisional Liturgy. Either method we must regard as improper. To conform the Liturgy to the Constitution would be inconsistent with

the nature of the Liturgy movement, and interdict the liberty of the Church to make trial of an Order of worship supposed to be better adapted to her spirit and wants than any Order already authorized. To conform the Constitution to the Liturgy would be premature, as the Liturgy has not yet been adopted, and in all probability will not be adopted without revision. It can not be a standard, therefore, by which the Church shall be governed in changing the Constitution.

In these circumstances, either the Church must tolerate these discrepancies as an evil incident to the Liturgy movement; or the Provisional Liturgy must be carefully revised and then submitted to the Classes for adoption or rejection.

Your committee consider the latter alternative the more judicious, and have accordingly concluded to recommend the following action:

Resolved, That, inasmuch as the Provisional Liturgy has been in the hands of ministers and the laity for examination and trial during a period of three years, and it may be presumed that the Church is prepared to form a correct judgment concerning its relative merits and defects, the Synod do now commit the work to a committee for careful revision, in order to adapt it more fully to the practical wants of the German Reformed Church.

Respectfully submitted,

E. V. GERHART, *Chairman.*

The Rev. David B. Earnst, delegate *secundus* from the Classis of Clarion, was admitted to the seat occupied by the *primarius*, the Rev. Joseph G. Shoemaker.

The consideration of the report of the committee, to whom had been referred the communication from the German pastors of the city of New York and vicinity, was again resumed. The following resolution was substituted in the place of the one attached to the report of the committee, and the report as thus amended was adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod has heard with deep sorrow the deplorable condition of a large mass of Germans in this country; and cannot be insensible to the great importance of the overtures made to this body by the German pastors of New York and vicinity, in relation to the services of Dr. Schaff. And whilst we can not see how the Church can, just now, owing to her peculiar need of a still more enlarged operation on the part of our Seminary, in her peculiar sphere, dispense with the services of Dr. Schaff; nevertheless, we refer the general question to the deliberate, free and prayerful consideration of

Dr. Schaff himself: provided, however, that it be distinctly understood that should he leave, his absence shall not exceed eighteen months.

The vote on the adoption of this resolution was taken by *Yeas* and *Nays* as follows:

YEAS:—Isaac K. Loos, Joseph H. Dubs, Thomas Butz, Samuel Siegfried, Joseph T. Miller, William K. Zieber, Amos H. Kremer, Stephen B. Kieffer, Henry Shriver, Elias Heiner, John S. Foulk, Walter E. Krebs, Henry I. Comfort, Isaac Cronise, Frederick Humrickhouse, John H. A. Bomberger, Samuel G. Wagner, Nicholas Gehr, John M. Titzel, John Souder, David Hoffman, Samuel H. Reid, Benjamin Bausman, Isaac G. Brown, William Heyser, A. J. G. Dubs, John F. Busche, George Bachman, John W. Nevin, William Orth, David W. Wolff, David G. Klein, Jonathan Zeller, Henry Stickler, Henry F. Hartman, Samuel N Callender, David B. Earnst, George S. Eisenhart, and Samuel Mease.—Total 39 YEAS.

NAYS:—Earnest W. Reinecke, Joshua H. Derr, Jacob D. Zehring, Jacob O. Miller, William A. Wilt, David Zellers, William Earnest, William Schlatter, Charles Santee, Jacob Hassler, John P. Reed, Henry Ruby, Charles Hartman, N. S. Strassburger, Emanuel V. Gerhart, Daniel Gans, Rudolph F. Kelker, George Wolff, Henry Hoffman, Daniel Follmer, Charles H. Leinbach, Philip Moyer, Joseph Jordan, William M. Deatrick, and Samuel Miller.—Total 25 NAYS.

The Rev. Henry S. Bassler, delegate *secundus* from the Classis of Susquehanna, was admitted to the seat occupied by the *primarius*, the Rev. George Wolff.

The committee appointed to address a letter to the German Evangelical Church Diet, reported the following, which was received, read and adopted:

To the German Evangelical Church Diet:

REVEREND AND DEARLY BELOVED FATHERS AND BRETHREN IN CHRIST:

Your affectionate letter of reply, of January the 31st, 1859, together with the documents accompanying it, was duly received. It was read before our Synod, which convened in Harrisburg, Pa., in October last, and excited the deepest interest. It has also been embodied in the published proceedings of the Synod. It afforded us great pleasure to learn from it, that a gracious God has, during the past year also, crowned the Christian efforts and labors of the Evangelical Church Diet with signal success. We were also much gratified to observe, that a spirit of love, unity and peace, animated the hearts of its members, of which fact our beloved missionary in Syria,

the Rev. Dr. Schneider, had already given us cheering intelligence.

Your epistle furnished us renewed evidence of your kind, brotherly sentiments towards us, and our prayer to God is, that he will confirm and establish you and us more and more in that love which is the bond of perfectness. If it be at all possible, we shall also send a delegate to your meeting the present year. Should, however, the wish to this effect expressed by our Synod, not be realized, we still hope, that at least the friendly correspondence which has been so happily commenced between us, may be continued.

As you have already learned from previous communications, there has opened up to our Reformed Church an almost unbounded field of labor, especially among the yearly increasing number of German immigrants, which for the most part settle down in the Western States of our Union. Though a portion of them may be wholly or partially estranged from all churchly and religious life, still the majority are most painfully alive to the privations in a spiritual respect, which they often have long to endure. To gather these sheep, scattered over the newly settled regions, into congregations, and provide them with faithful spiritual shepherds, we feel to be a special mission of our Church, to which we have of late years devoted ourselves with increasing activity. In order that we may energetically prosecute this missionary work, we need, 1), a large number of *men*, faithful, active and richly imbued with the graces of the divine Spirit; and then 2), an increased amount of *means* to sustain them for the first few years in those newly formed congregations or settlements. As partial evidence of the happy results of our efforts in this particular sphere of labor, we need only state, that during the past year, there were organized in the Western States of Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Iowa, more than *twenty new congregations*, composed of Germans and Swiss. To cultivate such fields of labor, requires indeed, as may readily be expected, no small amount of self-denying devotion and love to the cause of Christ and the welfare of never dying souls; but then, on the other hand, how great and unspeakable is the joy experienced, if, as is almost always the case, the active servant of the Lord is permitted, in the lapse of a few years already, to behold as the delightful fruits of his efforts, churches here and there erected, in which devout souls worship God in spirit and in truth, where perhaps at the commencement of his labors, the temporal as well as the spiritual condition of things was sad and dreary. The experience of many of our missionaries in this respect is of the most refreshing kind, and is calculated to excite in us feelings of unfeigned thankfulness to God, who has so richly blessed us even beyond our desires and deserts. And

that which has already been accomplished in this direction by divine assistance, teaches us most unequivocally, on the one hand, how unbounded is the field of spiritual labor which we have to cultivate, and, on the other hand, how much might be done by the blessing of God, if we could increase the number of faithful laborers twofold or even three-fold.

Our Literary Institutions, which are three in number, are making encouraging progress, and our two Theological Seminaries, the one at Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, and the other at Tiffin, Ohio, are at present frequented by a larger number of students than formerly.

The faithful preaching of the Word of God in many portions of the field embraced within our Synod, was, during the past year, in a most signal manner crowned with the blessing of God. Many of our ministers were enabled to speak of a mighty work of divine grace in the hearts of their hearers.

The efforts for promoting the Sanctification of the Sabbath have had, of late years, to encounter many difficulties in our larger cities, in which are found quite a number of foreigners, especially *Germans*, a considerable portion of whom are unwilling to discontinue their worldly amusements on the Lord's day. As many of these lawless persons are Germans, a large measure of reproach attached to the Germans in general, and this fact has caused the better thinking portion of them in New York, where a mass-meeting against the Sanctification of the Sabbath had been held, to hold a counter mass-meeting. It was highly gratifying to observe, how many of our foreign Germans participated in this meeting, and gave evidence of their adherence to its principles by word and deed. A number of German ministers addressed the fifteen hundred persons, who were present, whilst the Rev. Dr. Schaff was requested to deliver the principal address. This meeting and the resolutions adopted by it are significant, and cannot fail to produce their effect upon the German population in other cities. It is also high time that these vain amusements on the Sabbath are energetically opposed. All Christians in our country are deeply impressed with the fact, that a proper observance of the Sabbath is the basis of our national as well as of our moral well-being, and therefore look upon the introduction of "Volks-Garten" and "Sunday Theatres," together with other matters connected with them, with sadness and holy indignation.

In matters of Temperance there is at present less active interest manifested than formerly, and it can not be denied, that the vice of drunkenness has of late years increased in an alarming degree, especially in our cities and towns. This result may in part be attributed to the too mechanical manner in which it was sought, in many instances, to put down this vice,

inasmuch as it was too readily hoped, that this enemy of the human race might be successfully opposed by appeals to the mere human understanding, to motives of expediency, and other considerations of a similar nature. The best and most intelligent friends of this noble movement, have now, after long experience, been convinced, that Christianity is the only safe, reliable spiritual weapon to be employed in this warfare, and that all other means must at last fall back upon this as their basis, in order to be effective and successful.

Quite a number of "Young Men's Christian Associations" have been organized of late years in our cities and larger towns, whose object is, to assist young men of a Christian spirit, especially such as come from the country, with counsel and cöoperation, and direct them to some suitable Christian or otherwise useful occupation. They usually have a Library containing interesting and instructive publications, which they procure for their mutual use. Provision is also made during the winter months, for the delivery of instructive and entertaining public lectures, among which, however, it must be admitted, there are some which do not answer the desired end.

Houses of Refuge for the reformation of youthful transgressors, are found in several of the States, many of them under State control, in which generally Christian instruction is imparted by some minister of the Gospel or pious layman. In several of these institutions, the most delightful results from Christian influences have already been witnessed. In addition to many other benevolent institutions, such as Alms houses, Widow's Asylums, Orphan Asylums and Hospitals, which are amply provided for by the State, a number of similar institutions have also been founded by the free-will-offerings of evangelical Christians, such as Deaconess establishments, and Christian Hospitals, institutions for the Christian nurture of orphans and neglected children, &c., &c.

With special pleasure, do we notice the founding of an institution of the above nature by German evangelical Christians in St. Louis, which is mainly, though not exclusively, designed for Germans. The superintendent of it speaks with joyful gratitude of the deep interest which that institution, as a decidedly Christian one, has elicited, as well as of the signal blessing with which it has been attended.

And now respected fathers and brethren in the Lord, we commend us to your sincere prayers and cordial sympathies. May the rich blessing of allmighty God and of his dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, rest upon the work of your and our hands, and fill us all—you in the old, as well as us in the new fatherland—with his Holy Spirit, so that we may become meet

for his temple, in which he shall dwell and work to the praise of his glorious grace. Amen.

By order of the Synod,

B. S. SCHNECK,
JOHN S. KESSLER,
B. BAUSMAN,
JOSHUA H. DERR,
J. H. A. BOMBERGER,
RUD. F. KELKER,
Committee.

March, 1860.

By way of postscript, the committee would add the following remarks:

Shortly before the present meeting of our Synod in Lebanon, Pa., we learned with deep regret, that the foregoing letter, which was already in April last, transmitted to Dr. Biernätzki, in Berlin, did not reach its place of destination. On this account, the Synod, after the said letter had been read before it, instructed us to send this copy to the Central Committee of the German Evangelical Church Diet.

With great pleasure we also state, that recently a Christian hospital has been established by a beloved ministerial brother, the Rev. H. Rust, of Cincinnati, Ohio, which has the most cordial sympathy of his own congregation, as well as of many others in other circles; and that similar institutions are about being established in different other places.

THE COMMITTEE OF SYNOD.

Lebanon, October 23rd, 1860.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Rev. Gustavus Mellin, Assistant Preacher at the Berlin Cathedral, and Licentiate of Theology, from Berlin, Prussia, whom we have the pleasure to see in our midst on the present occasion, be respectfully requested to be the bearer personally of a copy of the last letter of reply from this Synod to the German Evangelical Church Diet, the original of which, much to our regret, seems to have been lost in its transmission, together with a copy of the published proceedings of the Synod, to the Rev. Dr. Wichern, the present President of the Church Diet, and through him to assure the Church Diet of our undiminished brotherly interest and regard.

The Rev. Gustavus Mellin, Assistant Preacher at the Berlin Cathedral, and Licentiate of Theology, from Berlin, Prussia, being present, was afforded an opportunity to make some statements in regard to the objects of his mission to this coun-

try and the condition of the Churches in Germany, of which he availed himself. It was then

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to prepare a minute in relation to the subject on which the Synod has just been addressed.

The Rev. Nicholas Gehr, John F. Busche, and Elder Philip Moyer, constitute this committee.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod hold night sessions during the remainder of the present meeting, to commence this evening at 7 o'clock.

Resolved, That the morning sessions open hereafter at half-past 8 o'clock.

The committee appointed at the last annual meeting of Synod, to propose alterations of the Constitution, with a view to provide for the creation of a Triennial General Synod representing the whole Church, submitted the following report, which was received, and then referred to a committee, consisting of the Rev. Dr. Elias Heiner, Samuel H. Reid, and Samuel N. Callender, in conjunction with the members of the committee which had just reported:

The committee appointed to prepare a report upon the subject of a *Triennial* General Synod of the German Reformed Church, beg leave respectfully to submit the following:

The unity of the German Reformed Church in this country was originally represented by a Synod, which exercised ecclesiastical control over all the ministers and members of the Church within its geographical limits. At first this was the only legislative and judicial organization. In the year 1819, however, the Church had so much increased and spread, that it was deemed expedient for the more satisfactory and efficient management of its interests, and the adjustment of questions of a more local character, to divide the Church into Classes, with definite geographical limits, and which Synod invested with power to exercise authority within their respective bounds. Still these Classes were the creatures of the General Synod, and stood in immediate organic connection with it. Thus, notwithstanding the institution of these inferior courts and ecclesiastical divisions, the unity of the Church was still preserved.

When the further extension of the Church, especially Westward, rendered the management of more widely extended interests difficult and almost impracticable, the more Western Classes constituted themselves into a distinct Synod (1836). And although the new Synod, thus formed, exercised large

autonomic powers, still the integrity of the entire Church was virtually maintained, by the fact that both Synods were soon placed under a common constitution, and some of their acts made dependent on each other. But whilst the principle of the unity of the Church was thus *virtually* maintained, it lacked a suitable *formal* representation. There was no official head to the constitutional unity. This was soon deeply felt, and the Triennial Convention between the two Synods (1844), was an earnest effort to remedy the anomalous defect. But as that convention was only an *advisory* body, it could not fairly represent constitutional authority, or exercise proper ecclesiastical functions. Its acts secured no positive or definite results. However pleasant it might prove for brethren to meet, and to consult together, upon topics relating to the general interests of the Church, they could adjust no difficulties, enact no regulations, adopt no measures, which would possess official validity, or have binding force.

Hence the Triennial Convention proved unsatisfactory. Measures were accordingly instituted a few years ago, contemplating the formal concentration of certain powers of the Church, now vested in both Synods, into one ecclesisiastical body. A plan for effecting this was reported to the Synod of Frederick in 1858. That plan, however, was rejected by a majority of the Classes, mainly, we believe, on the ground that the respective rights of the two existing Synods were not thought to be guarded with sufficient care, and that, unless the plan was modified, it might lead to annoying collisions.

Taking all these facts into consideration, your committee beg leave to submit the following plan, embracing in part the scheme published in the Minutes of Synod for 1858.

Under Part II. of the present Constitution, Chap. I., Art. 23, [Consecutive numbering] make the following change:

"The Ecclesiastical Judicatories are four in number, viz.—1st, The Consistory; 2d, The Classis; 3d, The Synod; 4th, The General Synod."

In Art. 29, fourth line after "Classis," insert "Synod."

In Art. 30, after the word "Synod," in the third line, insert "or from a Synod to the General Synod;" and in the fourth line after "Classis," insert "or Synod."

In the place of Sect. III., of Part II. of the Constitution, substitute the following two Sections, and change the consecutive numbering of the articles which follow, so as to make the numbers correspond:

Sect. III. The Synod.

Art. 59. A Synod consists of the ministeral and lay delegates of the several Classes embraced in its prescribed geo-

graphical limits or district. It shall require at least four Classes to form such a Synod.

Art. 60. A Synod, instead of being constituted only of delegates commissioned in the prescribed ratio, may, by a resolution passed at the previous annual meeting, be composed of all the ministers within its bounds, and one elder from each pastoral charge.

Art. 61. The Synod shall be governed in all respects by the provisions of this Constitution, and shall be amenable to the General Synod of the Church, with such reservations as are hereinafter designated. They shall have power to license and ordain to the office of the ministry, to receive and determine appeals from the Classes, and give advice in cases referred to them by their Classes, and if requested determine such cases.

Art. 62. Each Synod may maintain, or establish, such theological and other institutions within its bounds as it may deem necessary, and shall have full control over them, in all respects. The Professors, and other officers of such institutions, shall be amenable only to the Synod to which they may respectively belong.

Art. 63. Each Synod shall, at its annual meeting, review the proceedings of the Classes within its bounds, to approve or disapprove of them. It has power, within its own bounds, to establish new Classes, to change the boundaries of existing Classes, and to determine all controversies between one Classis and another, or between ministers or congregations of two or more several Classes. But an existing Classis cannot be dissolved, nor any part of it united with another, without its own consent.

Art. 64. Each Synod shall meet annually, at such time and place as it shall have appointed at its last meeting, and shall be opened with a sermon by the President of the previous year, and in his absence by a minister appointed for the purpose. If six ministers and as many elders, or a larger number, from a majority of the several Classes, be assembled at the appointed time and place, they shall constitute a Synod, and be authorized to transact business.

Art. 65. Each Synod shall keep a regular and perspicuous record of its proceedings. It may adjourn from time to time, or appoint an extra meeting.

Art. 66. A special meeting of each Synod may be called by the President on the written request of four ministers, and as many lay delegates, notice of which, specifying the particular business to be transacted, shall be given to the members of Synod at least three weeks previous to the time of such meeting. The meeting thus called can be only such as was constituted at the previous annual meeting, and has power to transact only such business as shall be specified in the call.

Art. 67. A Synod cannot take cognizance of matters within the jurisdiction of a Classis, until they have been brought before it by reference or by appeal; unless it be proved that, in relation to such matters, the Classis has neglected its duty.

Art. 68. Each Synod shall annually choose a President, and a Corresponding Secretary, who shall be its organ in all its correspondence. A Stated Clerk, who shall record its proceedings and superintend their publication according to the order that may be laid down in the *Lemmata* adopted by Synod, shall also be chosen whenever his situation becomes vacant by resignation or otherwise. All credentials, calls to professors, and agreements to which the Synod is a party, shall be signed by the President and Stated Clerk. The latter shall subscribe all extracts from the Synodical records. He shall have charge of all the records and the seal of the Synod. All the papers which concern the Synod's correspondence, shall be in the charge of the Corresponding Secretary, those excepted, which shall be referred to either of the different Boards connected with the Synod.

Art. 69. Each Synod shall annually appoint a Treasurer, who shall take charge of the funds and apply them according to its direction. He shall annually submit to the Synod a statement of the funds, with all the receipts and expenditures. He shall pay out no money, except in obedience to a resolution of Synod, or of a permanent ordinance of the same, authorizing him to do so.

Art. 70. Each Synod shall give every necessary attention to the education of indigent pious young men for the ministry, and to the prosecution of missionary labors both in the home and foreign field. Its operations in reference to these several objects shall be conducted by Boards specially appointed for the purpose. These Boards shall be subject to the control of Synod, and shall each annually submit to it a faithful report of its transactions, and of the state of the interest committed to its care. Other objects of benevolence shall also receive the attention of Synod from time to time as the wants of the Church may require, and in such manner as shall be deemed best calculated to secure their furtherance.

It shall also have a "Board of Publication," to which shall be committed the management of the Printing Establishment, if it have one, and the superintendence of the publication of the periodicals of the Church and of such books as shall be authorized by Synod. A faithful report of its proceedings and of the state of the Printing Establishment, shall be annually submitted to Synod for its inspection and revision.

Art. 71. In the Synodical meetings, the officers of the preceding year first take their seat. If these are absent, the

meeting shall appoint a President and Secretary *pro tem.* After prayer, the credentials of members are received and read, those who are entitled to a seat and vote are recognized, and the names of the delegated ministers and elders of each Classis are entered upon the minutes. The delegates of corresponding Churches are then received and admitted to seats by the President.

After these transactions, the President for the current year is chosen. When he has taken his seat, the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer are elected.

If, in the choice of officers, none of the candidates for the same office have a majority of all the votes, the two who may have received the largest number of votes shall be again proposed, and the election repeated. If neither of the candidates obtain a majority, the President shall give the casting vote.

The standing committees, designated by the *Lemmata*, shall then be appointed. The President shall nominate these Committees, subject to the judgment of a majority of the Synod.

If the persons nominated by the President be not approved, the Synod or any member may propose others. Every committee shall consist of ministers and elders.

After the appointment of the Committees, the minutes of the Classes, letters and other papers, shall be received and delivered to those Committees to whose duties they relate.

Upon this, the minutes of the preceding year, and those of an extraordinary meeting, if such have taken place, shall be read, and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes to report the items of unfinished business occurring in them.

When this is disposed of, Synod shall take up such other business as may claim its attention in the order designated in the *Lemmata.* The report of the Committee on Classical Minutes, and that of the Committee on Overtures, shall only exhibit those things which claim the Synod's attention, either as subjects upon which it may decide, or as considerations by which it may be guided in forming a decision; and shall not contain any propositions of the Committee. The report of the Committee on the State of Religion shall include a statement of the deaths of ministers connected with Synod, which have occurred during the year.

ART. 72. The report on the minutes of Classes shall contain the following subjects in the order in which they are enumerated:

1. Whether any thing and what, occurs in the minutes of of one or more Classes, that seems to merit censure, either as an infringement of this Constitution, a violation of justice, an offence against propriety, or a neglect of duty.

2. What one or more Classes request of the Synod, or refer

to it, or recommend to its attention, or censure in its proceedings.

3. Whether any, and what appeals to the Synod, occur in the minutes of Classes.

4. What Classes have decided on subjects referred to them.

5. The names of persons licensed, or ordained by each Classis during the year. Also the names of all ministers received, dismissed, suspended, or deposed by each Classis.

6. The time and place of the next annual meeting of each Classis, the name of its President and Secretary, and the number of copies of the Synodical Minutes, which it has directed to be sent to it for its use.

ART. 73. The report of the Committee on Overtures shall arrange and note the papers committed to them, and the subjects to which they relate, in the following order:

1. Calls from the congregations for ministers.

2. Petitions and communications.

3. Complaints.

ART. 74. Every Committee appointed to attend to business during the recess of Synod, shall submit a report at its next annual meeting, under the pain of censure.

ART. 75. In every morning session the minutes of the preceding day shall be read and revised.

ART. 76. Each Synod shall submit one or more duly authenticated copies of its proceedings during the interval of the General Synod, to each regular meeting of said General Synod, for its examination and approval or disapproval.

SECT. IV. OF THE GENERAL SYNOD.

ART. 77. The General Synod represents the whole Church. It is the highest judicatory of the Church, and the last resort in all cases respecting the government of the Church, not finally adjudicated by the Synods. And it shall be known by the title of, "THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES."

ART. 78. The General Synod is composed of ministerial and lay delegates, elected by all the Classes respectively, in the ratio of delegation prescribed by the Constitution in the case of the Synods. One ministerial and one lay delegate from a majority of the Classes, representing a majority of the Synods, shall constitute a quorum, capable of transacting business.

ART. 79. The General Synod shall meet triennially at such time and place as may be determined at the preceding meeting, and it shall be governed in its proceedings by this Constitution, and the rules of order prescribed for the Synods, so far as those rules apply.

ART. 80. All changes in the ordinances of the Church must be made by the General Synod. Before any such change, or any new ordinance proposed, can have binding validity in the whole Church, it must be transmitted to all the Classes, and approved by two-thirds of the whole number. By an ordinance is meant the Constitution, or any amendment of it, a Catechism, a Hymn Book, and a Liturgy. If at the next ensuing meeting of the General Synod, it appear from the official reports of the delegates, that two-thirds of the whole number of the Classes have approved of the proposed ordinance, the General Synod shall declare the fact, and it shall thereupon be valid as an ordinance of the Church. It shall, therefore, be the duty of every Classis to decide upon such ordinance at its first annual meeting after it shall have been proposed by the General Synod.

ART. 81 If the official report of the delegates of a Classis contains nothing from which the rejection of the proposed ordinance may be inferred, such fact shall be taken for an approval But if it appear that a Classis was unable to come to a decision, it shall not be counted in taking the number of the Classes, and two-thirds of all the rest shall be sufficient to give validity to the proposed ordinance.

ART. 82. The General Synod shall revise the proceedings of the Synods, and approve or disapprove of their acts.

ART. 83. All matters relating to the whole Church, or involving controversions between two or more Synods, or two or more Classes or congregations belonging to different Synods, shall be submitted to the adjudication of the General Synod. To it, also, shall belong the management of the Foreign Missions of the Church.

ART. 84. The General Synod may from time to time, at the request of four or more adjacent Classes, and with the consent of the Synod or Synods within whose limits they lie, constitute such Classes into a Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. A. BOMBERGER, *Chairman.*

The Rev. Isaac K. Loos, delegate from the Classis of East Pennsylvania, obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the sessions.

The Rev. Isaac Gerhart, delegate *secundus* from the Classis of Lancaster, was admitted to the seat occupied by the *primarius*, Rev. Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart.

Adjourned. Prayer by the Rev. John F. Busche.

TUESDAY, October 23d, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Opened with singing and prayer by the Stated Clerk.

The Committee on Publication submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Publication beg leave to offer the following report:

We have examined the report of the Board of Publication, and find that it has carried on its operations with unusual success. According to Report, the liabilities of the Printing Establishment, at Chambersburg, are $15,019.20, showing a decrease of $1,800—and the assets, $45,537.95.

The number of subscribers to the Messenger,	2883
" " " Kirchen-Zeitung,	2212

In this connection, we are sorry to report, that the circulation of our Church periodicals is so limited, and would recommend to the pastors of the different charges to make redoubled efforts to extend their circulation.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL G. WAGNER, *Chairman.*

A communication was received from the Rev. Benjamin Bausman, Associate Editor of the German Reformed Messenger, and referred to the Committee on Overtures

The consideration of the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, which had been laid on the table during yesterday morning's session, was resumed.

Request No, 5, which had previously been under consideration, was again taken np. After some further discussion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod cannot accede to the request of the Classis of Maryland, inasmuch as the objects contemplated therein have not been brought to the notice of Synod in a regular way.

The following annual report of the Board of Domestic Missions was received; its reading was dispensed with, and the report referred to the Committee on Missions:

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN:—The Board of Domestic Missions present the following as their annual report:

Another year of missionary labor has come to a close, and with sentiments of gratitude to God, the Giver of every good and perfect gift, we are permitted once more to report, that the divine favor has continued to rest upon the interest committed to our hands. Our missionaries have prosecuted their work

without interruption arising from the loss of health or strength. Difficult and arduous as the labors have been, their reports show that they have, under the heavy burdens resting upon them, cherished a Christian and a missionary spirit, and evinced an ardent devotion to the work of their Master. They have endured privations, encountered difficulties and made the required sacrifices with the spirit of true disciples of Christ. They present hopeful prospects, and in the midst of discouragements and trials, manifest a strong and abiding faith in the promises of God, that their work and labor of love will not be in vain in the Lord. Our congregations have sustained them with increased liberality in their work, and, no doubt, followed them in the desert and the solitary place with their prayers and intercessions at a throne of grace. As a consequence, the missionary field presents in every direction the evidences of growth and progress, which are so many seals of the favor and support of the Head of the Church. As usual, we present a brief report of each mission, from which a proper judgment may be formed of the importance of the work and of its claims upon the sympathies, the prayers, and the active support of our pastors and their congregations.

NEW YORK.

New York City.—This mission, under the charge of Rev. J. F. Busche, has been making a gradual progress during the year. The debt on the church has been reduced $400 by the exertions of the Ladies' Sewing Society. During the coming year similar efforts will be made, which, it is thought, will be crowned with like success. Brother Busche labors under many disadvantages, and, from the character of his material, has had many difficulties to encounter; he has, however, thus far succeeded in preserving peace and unity among his people, and in so doing, exerted a happy influence on the foreign German population among which he labors. The additions during the year were thirty-three. Last year the number was twenty-six. The numerical strength of the congregation is about the same as during the previous year, the removals being about equal to the increase. Contributions for missions, $78,00. Last year, $57. Baptisms, 100. The parochial and Sabbath schools are in a prosperous condition. A missionary spirit pervades the congregation, which gives assurance that it is doing its utmost to become self-sustaining, and that in due season it will take its place with other congregations in supplying the destitute with the bread of life. Owing to the floating character of much of its population, causing frequent removals, it has made no rapid increase in numbers as yet. It has, however, supplied a spiritual home for the German emigrant during his stay in the city, and prepared him for his home in the West. Viewed

only under this last aspect, this mission has important bearings on our entire missionary field, and claims our earnest prayers. Appropriation, $200.

Rochester.—The Rev. F. Grosshüsch reports favorably of the progress of this mission. He preaches twice every Sabbath, once on the Catechism, and after services catechises the children. The number of his regular hearers has increased, and the sympathies of other denominations in this mission continued. It is a German mission. Additions to the church, thirty-three. Last year only three were added. Last year the contributions to missions amounted to $12,00; this year the amount is $17.87. A good spirit pervades the congregation, and the progress is gradually upwards. The membership is 112. The church debt is nearly liquidated. Appropriation, $200.

NEW JERSEY.

Elizabeth City.—This mission, under the charge of Rev. O. Lohr, is now in the second year of its existence. It is intended for the benefit of foreign Germans in Elizabeth City and vicinity It commenced with thirty members; it now numbers over one hundred. The new church at Rahway was dedicated during the year, with a debt, however, of $1200 resting on it. Mr. O. commenced preaching at Woodbridge, five miles from Rahway, during the year, and with the approbation of his Classis, expects shortly to organize another new congregation at that point. He preaches every second Sabbath four times, walking ten miles to fill his appointments. The congregation at Rahway have established a missionary society, and the amount contributed for missions by the charge during the year is $13. The Sabbath schools in both of his congregations are growing in interest. The children in attendance number over 120. A considerable accession of new members was made some time ago. Whilst no extensive awakenings are reported, our missionary says, that under his preaching the hearts of many have been opened, as in the case of Lydia of old. Appropriation, $100.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Hazelton, Luzerne Co.—The J. B. Poerner entered up his fifth year as our missionary in Luzerne, Carbon and Schuylkill counties with his accustomed zeal and devotion to the cause of his Maker. Opposition, however, from the world to the Gospel preached in its purity interfered with his labors, and introduced unpleasant difficulties in several of his congregations. This opposition broke out in open and lawless violence. Returning home with one of his elders, in crossing a mountain, he was waylaid by a party of ruffians, who endeavored to

seize his person, but, failing in this, stoned him as he escaped in his carriage. As it was, his escape from bodily injury must be ascribed to the care of Providence. These violators of the laws of the land and of the laws of God were bound over to answer for their conduct before the civil tribunal, where they would have been severely punished if the matter had been pressed. But for the sake of peace, and with the hope that these persons might be brought to see and acknowledge their sin, it was thought best to forego all further proceedings in the case. This example, however, of meekness and Christian forbearance, it seems, had not its desired effect. Opposition still increased, and as brother Poerner regarded his usefulness in that region of country to a great extent destroyed, he thought it advisable to withdraw and seek some other field. His resignation took effect during the summer. The Executive Committee of the Board examined all the circumstances of his case, approved of his course, and accepted, though reluctantly, of his resignation. This field, an important one, is now vacant. Brother P. says, that during the winter months he instructed in two of his congregations twenty-three young persons in the doctrines of the Heidelberg Catechism, and received them all, with the exception of one, who died before he closed his instructions, into the communion of the church. He baptized 114, buried 47, administered the communion to 254 persons, superintended two Sabbath schools, exclusively German, numbering about 250 children, with 30 teachers, who are all members of our church. His appropriation is $60 per year.

Doylestown, Bucks County.—This mission has been destitute of a pastor until quite recently, when the Rev. W. R. Yearick accepted a call from it and received a commission from the Board to take charge of it as our missionary. Though no one has been laboring in this field since Rev. Mr. Vaughan left it a year ago, the interest of the people has been kept alive by the Classis and the Board, and the prospects of building up a self-sustaining charge in a few years are still of the most encouraging character. A country congregation, the Hilltown church, has been added to the charge, which has materially strengthened it, and rendered it less dependent on the Board for aid. Appropriation, $300.

Wilkesbarre, Luzerne County.—The pastor, Rev. F. Strassner, has entered upon the second year of his labor in this field. He reports that the mission is in a prosperous condition, and that, trusting in God, he will need no further aid from the Board. The church edifice in Wilkesbarre, which had remained unfinished twelve years, has at length been completed. The congregation has moved out of the lecture-room, and it now worships in the main building. This has given it an impulse

and strengthened its hands. In the country congregations similar progress has been reported. After a temporary spiritual dearth, the people have gladly returned to the sanctuary, and seem to receive the Word of God gladly. Fifteen members have been added to the Hanover, and fourteen to the Newport congregation, of which twenty-three are heads of families, and some of them advanced in years. Pastor Strassner reports that the country around him presents a number of promising points for missionary labor, some of which he endeavors to supply with preaching, but that another laborer in his field is much needed. Some sixteen miles above Wilkesbarre, he found a German Reformed church, in which a minister of another denomination had been preaching for a number of years. At the request of the people, he has added it to his charge, and he now supplies it with preaching. The appropriation to this charge last year was $300, of which, however, the greater part was paid by the congregations themselves.

Reading, Berks County.—The second church in Reading, under the pastoral care of Rev. C. F. McCauley, has been laboring under serious difficulties for years on account of the debt still resting on their church. These came to a crisis a year ago, and threatened its existence as a German Reformed church. The urgent appeal to the last Synod by the pastor, called forth such sympathy from the ministry and eldership then assembled, as to encourage him to make an effort to collect in the church at large the necessary funds to liquidate the debt. In this he has been to a considerable extent successful. In Maryland, and the churches east of the Susquehanna, in which he has been thus far laboring, he has met with a generous response from our people. The Board, according to the wish of Synod, made an appropriation last Spring of $200 for the support of the pastor, with the view of thus reducing the current expenses of the congregation, and with the understanding that it would devote an equal amount to the removal of the debt. This is an important interest, and fully entitled to the assistance thus rendered. So soon as the debt is removed, or placed under the control of the congregation, it will be greatly relieved, and no doubt enter upon a new stadium of usefulness.

Berwick, Luzerne County.—The Rev. H. Hoffman had been laboring in the field as the missionary of the East Susquehanna Classis, but, at the request of Synod, was placed under the care of the Board. He reports that he has been serving some seven congregations, situated in Columbia and Luzerne counties, most of which have been formerly supplied by ministers in no regular connection with Synod, and when placed under his care, in a declining condition, both as regards numbers and spirituality. Though, *owing to former* neglect, much valuable

material had been lost to our Church, brother Hoffman entered this field with the laudable desire to strengthen the things which remain. In this respect the divine blessing has rested upon his labors, and the prospects for the future are encouraging. He thinks that at no distant day two charges may be formed out of his present field. During the year 1859, he added to the church 33, baptized 23, and had a membership of 220. Collected for Domestic Missions, $24. Owing to the accessions made to the congregations, no further appropriation will be needed. Appropriation, $100.

Richfield, Juniata County.—The Rev. H. C. Heyser was commissioned a year ago to labor as a missionary in a number of destitute places in Juniata, Snyder and Perry counties. He reports that his preaching has been well attended, except in Liverpool, where our people still remain scattered. In Snyder county he organized a congregation, which has already supplied itself with a handsome new church. One Sunday school has been established. Thus far, brother H says, though he has made urgent appeals to the people to consider their duty to come out on the side of the Lord, he has not been successful in forming catechetical classes, nor in making additions to the church. Appropriation, $100.

Bellefonte, Centre County.—Rev. D.G. Klein was commissioned a year ago to labor as missionary in this field The charge consists of three regularly organized congregations, which were too weak to support a pastor themselves. Nothing special has been reported. The congregations seem to have sustained themselves. Catechization was maintained the year round. Ten have been added to the communion of the church. Contributions to Missions, $60. At the end of the year, brother K., owing to his inadequate support felt it to be his duty to withdraw from the field. At the suggestion, however, of the Board, he has concluded to remain in this field another year. Appropriation, $75.

Newville, Cumberland County.—Our missionary, Rev. D. Hefelfinger, after remaining one quarter of a year in this field, accepted a call from another charge, in which he hoped to be more useful in the service of his Master. But Providence thought otherwise, and not long after, his health failing, he closed his earthly labors. When he left Newville, he reported that the charge was in the same condition as it has been for a number of years; that lights and shadows rested upon it, but that one of his congregations in particular exhibited marks of spiritual life and activity. Since his resignation it has been vacant, though recently efforts have been made by the congregations to secure a pastor, in which, however, they have not as yet been successful. Appropriation, $75.

Pittsburgh.—Only two reports have been received, during the year, from this mission through its pastor, Rev. G. B. Russell, from which it appears, that it has been steadily gaining ground, and growing in efficiency. The Sunday school and catechetical class are reported as prosperous and promising One-half of an onerous debt has been removed, whilst the benevolence of the congregation has found other and more general channels for its exercise. It sustains a beneficiary student at Franklin and Marshall College, and one noble hearted member has contributed $500 for the endowment of the Theological Tutorship in the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg. The pastor continues to edit the "Pastor's Helper" with increased circulation and usefulness. An unpleasant case of discipline occurred during the year, which has troubled the congregation, and which has not yet produced its proper effect on the guilty person. This is now the seventh year this mission has been under the care of the Board, during which its progress has been regularly onward. The appropriation remains at $200 per year.

Lancaster County.—Last Spring father I. Gerhart, the President of the Board of Missions, offered to labor as a missionary in the vicinity of Lancaster city. Since then he has been preaching at eight different points. This field is peculiar, and less open to a churchly influence than most other parts of the State, yet it is believed that churches may be organized at least at some of the places where preaching has been commenced. Sunday schools have been established wherever practicable, and one in particular has been in successful operation during the summer. The appropriation, $40, was not more than what was supposed to be necessary to pay travelling expenses.

Columbia.—The congregation at Columbia has been oppressed for a number of years by a heavy debt, during which the membership, though small in numbers, have done much in sustaining their church. As their pastor, Rev. J. W. Hoffmeier, owing to his other duties, was not able to supply them with as much preaching as their circumstances required, the Board, with his approbation, called on the Rev. I. E. Graeff as an assistant, so that they now have preaching every Sabbath. This arrangement has increased the attendance on the Sabbath, tending to render it more regular and permanent, and is, it is hoped, preparing the way for the congregation at no distannt day, to become an independent charge. Appropriation, $100.

MARYLAND.

Baltimore.—This mission (German), under pastor G. E. Gramm, which was commenced under favorable auspices last

year, and seemed to promise well for the future, has been overshadowed with dark clouds and difficulties, during the year which has just come to a close. A party sprung up in it, which refused to listen to their regularly constituted pastor, and preferred the voice of a stranger, and a deposed minister of the Gospel at that. The influence of the latter became so overpowering, that brother Gramm found his usefulness in the congregation was destroyed, and he accordingly withdrew from the field and accepted a call from a congregation in Philadelphia. During the part of the year he was in Baltimore, he confirmed 23, and baptized 24. The congregation numbers over three hundred, is in a distracted condition, and still adheres to the person who intruded upon their peace and harmony, with no immediate prospect of their returning to their proper position in the Church.

VIRGINIA.

Norfolk.—At the last meeting of Synod, Rev. E. Böhringer was ordained and commissioned to labor as a missionary among the Germans in Norfolk and vicinity. He reports that his congregation numbers seventy-five members, that it worshipped for a while without rent in the chapel of the Seaman's Friend's Society, then for a small rent, but that now a lot has been purchased for $1150 for the purpose of erecting a church edifice. The money is to be paid in three annual instalments, of which the first has already been paid. A Sabbath and parochial school has been established, commencing with twenty-five scholars in each. The congregation has formed for itself a constitution in the form of a charter in harmony with the constitution of our Church. An excellent choir has been established in the church, in which the young people take much interest. Last July brother B. was installed by a committee of the Maryland Classis, with which his charge has been connected, according to the direction of Synod. He preaches also at Portsmouth, opposite Norfolk, with encouraging prospects. At the request of the Executive Committee he visited Richmond, where there is an opening for a mission among the Germans. For the want of a suitable person to take charge of this field, nothing has as yet been done in the way of organizing a congregation. Appropriation, $100.

OHIO.

Toledo.—Pastor H. Eschmeier, missionary among the Germans in Toledo, reports, that in the midst of opposition from the world, his congregation has pursued the even tenor of its way, and been strengthened internally and externally. A new organ has been secured for the church, and a parsonage erected for the pastor. At the Easter communion, which was an oc-

casion of more than ordinary interest, six persons were added to the church. No other statistics are given in the reports. Appropriation, $150.

Sandusky City.—Pastor J. B Kniest occupies a field among the Germans similar to the foregoing one. He labors with acceptance among his people, and he feels encouraged in the midst of surrounding difficulties. There is some prospect that the remaining debt on the church will be cancelled before long. This is to be desired, as much of the pastor's time is consumed in collecting tours, and the reputation of the church must necessarily suffer in the community as long as the debt remains. Only two reports have been received from this missionary, and these have given no statistics. In one report the addition of five new members is mentioned. Appropriation, $150.

Herring, Allen County.—The Rev. J. Klingler has now been laboring in the field two years. Since our last report, his charge has been strengthened by the addition of another congregation from a neighboring charge. He now has four congregations and a preaching point. Three of these are in a prosperous condition, and the preaching of the Gospel is not only well received, but has also exerted a happy effect on the community at large. In the fourth distractions prevail. In two of the congregations measures have been taken to erect new church buildings. Brother K. has been greatly afflicted by sickness in his family, but this has not diminished materially the amount of his pastoral labors. For the most part he preaches three times every Sabbath, and continues his catechetical lectures throughout the year. He added to the church 13, and baptized 24. Sabbath schools two, congregations four, and members eighty. His appropriation is $75, to which not more than $75 were added by his congregations last year. This year he expects about $200 in addition to his appropriation. With afflictions in his family, daily pressed for the means to supply his children with food and raiment, yet actively engaged in his ministerial labors, this brother truly merits the sympathies and prayers of his brethren and of the Church at large.

Cincinnati.—This mission under the Rev. S. Mease has made an evident progress during the past year. The pastor has been encouraged by the increased attendance on the services of the Sabbath. The Sabbath school has been conducted with energy, and presents one of the most interesting features of this mission. The number of scholars in attendance is about 125, which might be increased if the lecture room were larger. Two Bible classes have been formed in connection with the school, numbering in all some twenty young persons, mostly grown. The neigborhood, in which the mission is located, is

improving rapidly, and our missionary reports that his membership and audience are of a more permanent character than formerly. This augurs well for the future, and encourages us to believe, that if the progress of the congregation has been slow, it will be solid and substantial in the end. During the first quarter four persons were added to the Church, during the second, three more. The want of a suitable church edifice still remains as the principal obstacle in the way of this enterprize. Measures, however, have been at length taken to surmount this difficulty, and to place the congregation in a proper position, which it is hoped will be crowned with success. The membership have agreed to contribute according to their means to this object, but as they are few in numbers, only about thirty in all, they must throw themselves in faith on the Christian charity of other churches for assistance in this work. To this, we think, they are fully entitled, and we commend their application to the prayerful consideration and benevolence of our churches generally, both in the East and the West. There are perhaps few channels through which benevolent individuals could accomplish more good than by giving a helping hand to this infant enterprize in Cincinnati. During the year a youth, a member of the congregation, has made known his intention to prepare himself for the work of the ministry. Appropriation $300.

Arnheim, Brown county.—Rev. C. Plüss was commissioned a year ago to labor in this field. He reports nothing of special interest. Says his field is one that is difficult of cultivation, that at times he has been discouraged, but of late has seen some of the fruit of his labors. He has been preaching at several points, among others at Germantown, where he expects soon to organize a congregation. In Arnheim he has succeeded in restoring peace and harmony among his people. He confirmed seven, baptized sixteen, and has one Sabbath school. Contributed for missions $8,00. This is a German mission. Appropriation $100.

Crestline.—This is a new mission among the foreign Germans. Rev. J. Eichen was commissioned by the Board to take charge of it on the 1st of January last. He reports that he has had many difficulties to encounter, so that from his last report, he was in doubt whether he should remain any longer in the field. He preached in a so called union church, in which some difficulty having arisen between the two congregations, the church was locked on him and his people, and they were under the necessity of holding their worship in a school house. At length he ceased preaching at that point altogether, until the difficulty in regard to the church is settled by the civil court. At Crestline his prospects are encouraging. Four were added to the Church. Entire membership mentioned in two of his re-

ports sixty-six. This brother receives an appropriation of $60, which, with what he is *promised* by his congregations, would not amount to $200. And this must support a wife and four children!

INDIANA.

Decatur, Adams county.—Only two reports have been received from Rev. P. Vitz, the pastor of this mission. He preaches at Decatur and another point with encouraging prospects. At the former place twelve persons purchased a lot of ground on which to erect a church. The Sunday school is prosperous. The parochial school is taught by the pastor himself and is open three days in the week. Five of the scholars were preparing themselves for confirmation. He has many difficulties to encounter, fanaticism on the one hand and the immorality of the people on the other, but has thus far been enabled to preach the gospel without let or hindrance. He asks for an appropriation of $60 for one year. Last year it was $80. No statistics are given.

Terre Haute.—This is also a new mission among the foreign Germans under Pastor H. Kertheuer, who was commissioned on the 1st of January last. In his first report he says that four were added to the church, that a parochial school was established, attended by the children of the members, and that the Sabbath school was in a prosperous condition. In his second report, he says that two more have been added to the church, and that a number of women in the congregation had formed themselves into a society to labor and pray that the kingdom of God may come in the hearts of the people. In his third report, he says he has been preaching in the English language for those who desired it, and that he feels thus far encouraged. He reports a debt on his church. No further statistics are given. Appropriation $100.

KENTUCKY.

Louisville.—Rev. F. W. Steffens succeeded Rev. Tönsmeier in this mission on the 1st of January last. He reports that he preaches twice on one Sabbath and three times on the Sabbath following, attends a prayer-meeting on one evening and lectures on another evening, and teaches four days in the parochial school every week. During the first two quarters $67,50 were collected for benevolent purposes, exclusive of $5,10 collected by two children for foreign missions in their saving boxes. A melodeon has been purchased for the use of the congregation. Additions during the first two quarters nine. The last report has not come to hand. The difficulties in this congregation mentioned in last year's report seem to have been removed, and the prospects for its soon becoming a self-supporting church

are again encouraging. The congregation owns a church and parsonage. No statistics given. Appropriation $150.

MICHIGAN.

Detroit.—Rev. A. Schröder, reports that during the three years he was in connection with this mission he received by confirmation ten new members, that the membership at present is 56, and that the Sabbath school, numbering about 150 children, has been in a prosperous condition. As brother S. thought he was not likely to succeed in building up this mission, he withdrew with the approval of the Board. The committee, however, we are happy to say, were successful in securing the services of Rev. C. Cast of Hagers city, Md., who, it is believed, is well qualified for the post, both intellectually and morally. Under his superintendence, and the blessing of God, with the prayers of the Church, there is no reason, why this interest should not succeed. We believe it has a bright future in store for it. Bro. C. has only recently entered upon his labors and the committee have not as yet been supplied with any communication in regard to his prospects. Appropriation $400.

WISCONSIN.

Sheboygan.—Rev. P. T. Kluge, missionary at this point, reports an encouraging state of things in his charge. His audience during the year has been increasing to such an extent that the church at times has not been able to contain all the worshippers. The Bible class, the Sabbath school and catechetical class have been in a flourishing condition. During the first quarter seventeen attended his lectures, of whom four were confirmed; during the second, he admitted two heads of families; during the third, he received eight by confirmation and one by certificate. His fourth report, which was expected to announce further additions to the church, has not come to hand. One family has been suspended and subsequently excommunicated. During the first quarter 32 persons communed at one time and 53 at another. Further statistics are not given. Collected for missions $7,50. Appropriation $150.

IOWA.

Lisbon, Linn county.—Since our last annual report the Board has received four reports from Rev. Joshua Riale, our missionary in the farthest west. They are all filled with intersting and important information respecting his own charge, and of the large missionary field around him. In his first report he gives an account of a visit he had made to Louisa county, last September a year. Here a mission might be formed with Columbus city as a centre of operations. He found a number of

families of our Church. All rejoiced to see one of their own ministers and were anxious to have some one to break to them the bread of life. At Milton, in Muscatine county, he found twenty six members of our Church, whom he has engaged to supply with preaching as often as his time will permit. In his second report he speaks of the field around him as already white for the harvest, but the laborers are few. Towns are rising up in every direction, and members of our Church from the East appear scattered everywhere like sheep without a shepherd. He had made a visit to Brandon, Buchanan county, where he found the brethren partly organized as a Lutheran and German Reformed congregation. He was about to organize a congregation at Milton and another at Hebron, Cedar county. During the year 1859 he had organized two congregations, and preached regularly at three other points. Members added 19. Collected for benevolent purposes $8,87, and travelled in a private conveyance 3000 miles in promoting the object of his mission. In his third report he says he added two members to one of his regular congregations, and organized a new congregation at Milton, at the junction of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers with twenty-three members, and another at Brandon with twenty-one. He now reports eighty members in his charge. In a former report the number was only twenty-seven. In the fourth report, he reiterates his call for more laborers, and says he has endeavored to circulate the periodicals of the Church, in which he has met with success. He thinks under present circumstances, the Board should appoint one or more itinerant missionaries, who should have the oversight of a certain district or State, and devote as much of his time as possible to the work of exploration, preaching as opportunity presents, and thus keeping our people from falling in with other denominations, until they can be supplied with regular pastors. The suggestion we regard as a very good one. Much might be accomplished in this way in new countries, not only in saving many of our most valuable families, but in preparing the way for future missionary operations. But who shall undertake this work? Doubtless some one might be found, who would be willing to make the necessary sacrifices and to undergo the labor required. A young man, unencumbered by a family, of sufficient physical strength, might, in this way, in a few years lay the foundation of a work, for which future ages would bless his memory. May the Lord of the harvest touch the hearts of his servants to hear the cry of destitution coming to them over boundless prairies in the distant West.

RECAPITULATION.

We have thus endeavored to give a true and faithful account of the progress of the missions under the care of the Board. In doing so this year the Vice President has found it difficult to give a full and satisfactory statement of the condition of all the missions, owing to the want of full statistical returns and the meagerness of detail in the reports of some of the missionaries. It will, however, be seen that the work as a whole is in a prosperous condition, and that the blessing of God continues still to rest upon this department of our benevolent operations. Whilst difficulties have stood in the way of some of the missions, so that little progress can be discerned, in the case of others the evidences of growth and success are sufficiently palpable, and abundantly justify the amount of labor and expense, which have been devoted to this cause.

During the year two of the missions have become self-sustaining. Others will become so in the course of the coming year. Of the missions under the Board fifteen are entirely German, and the remaining twelve are either English, or partly English and partly German. From this it will be seen, that the native and foreign population have both been cared for. The greater number of missions among the foreign Germans, has simply resulted from the fact, that a greater number of applications have been made from that quarter. Sixteen of the missions are located within the bounds of our own Synod, and eleven within our Sister Synod of the West. Last year the number of missionaries was twenty, this year it is twenty-seven. The amount contributed by the Church for Domestic Missions during the year 1853 was $1,795,79; 1854—$2,723,78; 1855—$3,198,-47; 1856—$2,905,40; 1857—$2,855; 1858—$3,611,52; 1859—$4,114,53; 1860—$4,342,95. The debt last year was $900. This year it is only $400, and there are $492,70 in the Treasury.

It will thus be seen, not only that the work is extending on our hands, but that there has been a steady increase in the liberality of the Church. The facts seem to show, that the contributions of our people can be made to keep pace with the progress of the work, and that all that is necessary to bring the most cheering results out of the work already performed, or still to be performed, is that our pastors hold this cause up prominently before our people and encourage them to give it a hearty and liberal support.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC GERHART, *President*,

THEODORE APPEL, *Vice President*.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Board of Domestic Missions of the German Reformed Church, in account with D. W. Gross, *Treasurer.*

1859.			CR.	
Oct.	20		By balance at last settlement,	$222,98
	21	Cash	per Jacob Bernheisel, Exec'r. of Elizabeth Steamburgh in full of legacy, to constitute Rev. T. P. Bucher a life member,	31,66
	24	"	per Rev. C. H. Leinbach, Treas. of West Susq. Classis, from Rev. G. W. M. Schults, Adamsburg ch. for Sandusky Mission,	10,00
		"	per ditto from ditto.	1,00
		"	per ditto from Rev. L. C. Edmonds, bal. to constitute himself a life member,	20,00
		"	of Rev. John Gantenbein, collected in Churchville, 5,85, in Kriedersville, 4,25, for Rev. E. Boehringer, Norfolk, Va.,	10,10
		"	per Rev. J. S. Dubs, from Missionary Society, Allentown, 30,00, per do. from a Lady from N. Whitehall Missionary Society, 2,00,	32,00
	25	"	per Rev. F. J. Mohr, Williamsport ch., for Sandusky city mission church,	3,00
		"	from Rev. W. H. Groh, Bealsburg charge, on life membership of Mrs. P. S. Fisher,	7,00
		"	collection at anniversary of Miss. Soc. at Harrisburg,	24,16
	27	"	per Rev. Robert Van Cort, collected in Pennsburg, 11,25, Hill church, 10,50, Falkoner Swamp, 9,00, Old Goshenhoppen, 8,50, Keeley's, 5,75, Sassamans, 5,00,	50,00
		"	per Rev. J. Beck, the balance on the Easton congregation's subscription to Pittsburg church,	8,00
	31	"	from Choir of Ger. Ref. church, Harrisburg, on life membership of its leader, Geo. P. Wiestling,	10,00
Nov.	9	"	of Geo. Besore from Waynesboro congregation,	25,00
		"	per Rev. F. W. Kremer, Tr. of Leb. Classis, from 1st Ger. Ref. Ref. cong., Reading, Pa., to constitute Rev. J. H. Apple a life member, 30,00, and towards constituting Rev. C. F. McCauley a life member, 10,00,	40,00
	10	"	per Gerard Hallock, Esq., Tr. of Southern Aid Society, New York, in support of our Southern missions for the year 1859 (ending in Oct. last),	250,00
	14	"	from Mrs. Sarah A. Young, Reading, Pa.,	3,00
	16	"	from Rev. J. Hannabery, col. in Dry Ridge cong.,	1,37
	19	"	" O. Lohr, Elizabeth city, New Jersey,	5,25
		"	" J. F. Busche, New York,	10,00
		"	" P. T. Kluge, Sheboygan, Wisconsin,	3,22
		"	" T. Gressbitsch, Rochester, New York,	3,50
		"	" I. Gerhart, received by him for certificates of life membership and mission tracts,	114,90
		"	" H. A. Mühlmeier, p'd by him to P. T. K.	10,00
			Carried over,	$891,09

CR.

1859.			Amount brought over,	$891,09
Nov.	30	Cash	per Rev. C. H. Leinbach, from Rev. A. B. Caspar, collected in St. Pauls, 2,00. Zion, 1,76, Centreville, 1,96, Middlecreek, 1,02,	6,74
		"	Rev. F. W. Kremer, Treas. of Lebanon Classis, from Rev. A. Romich, Jonestown, Pa.,	9,05
Dec.	6	"	from Rev. I. G. Brown, col. in Mercersburg, 6,67, Cove, 6,38,	13,05
	7	"	per Rev. J. Beck, Easton, Pa., collected for Wilkesbarre church by Rev. J. Zuilich, 30,00 and Rev. I. K. Loos, 30,00	60,00
	10	"	Rev. A. Schroeder,	1,00
		"	from Rev. J. Beck, Easton, Pa., contributed by the female members of his congregation,	40,00
	14	"	from the Miss. Soc. of Zions Ger. Ref. church, Chambersburg, Pa., per G. H. Mengel, Treas., to constitute Wm. Heyser a life member,	30,00
	21	"	from the German Ref. church, Chambersburg, Pa., per B. Wolff, Treasurer,	25,00
		"	of Rev. I. K. Loos, Fall communion collection (for life membership) for missions in the West, of which at least $3,00 are for some Germgn mission,	30,00
	31	"	from Rev. D. Zacharias' congregation, Frederick city, Md., per J. W. Birely, Treasurer, for the German Ref. church in Freemont, Ohio, in part of pledge at Synod in Frederick,	32,00
1860.				
Jan.	4	"	per Rev. C. H. Leinbach, from "A Friend to the cause,"	5,00
		"	per Rev. H. Harbaugh, from "A Widow,"	2,50
	19	"	per Rev. F. W. Kremer, from 1st Ger. Ref. ch., Reading, Pa., to complete Rev. C. F. McCauley's life membership.	20,00
		"	per John Wiest, Treasurer of Race St. church, Philadelphia, bal. of col. on Systematic Plan (last year), 8,50, church collection, 5,37,	13,87
		"	Charles Julius Heppe, Supt. of Sab. school attached to Rev Mr. Wiehle's church, appropriated by the children of said school, in part to constitute Mr. Samuel Schurch a life member,	15,00
		"	from the Bellefonte charge, towards constituting the pastor a life member,	10,00
		"	per Rev. J. G. Wiehle, Salem's church, Philadelphia, to constitute Jacob Schmidt a life member,	40,00
	24	"	per John Rodenmayer, Supt. of Md. Classis, from Rev. S. H. Giesy, Hagerstown congregation, to constitute Martin Rickenbaugh a life member,	35,00
		"	per do. from do., Salem congregation, towards constituting David Zeller a life member, 23,35, per do. from Rev. J. Sechler, Silver Run congregation, 5,00,	28,35
		"	from Mrs. M. Y. Schall, Colebrookdale P. O., Berks co., Pa.,	3,00
	25	"	per Rev. W. E. Krebs, Emmittsburg, Md., from Baxter Seabrooks, 1,16, Joshua Seabrooks, 1,17,	2,33
			Carried forward,	$1,312,98

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1860.			Amount brought forward,	$1,3
Feb.	1	Cash	per Rev. J. V. Eckert, savings of F. Sourbeer's children, 1,41, Zions church, 3,59,	
	8	"	from Rev. R. Douglas,	
		"	from Rev. O. Lohr, Elizabeth city, New Jersey,	
		"	from Rev. T. Grosshüsch, Rochester, N. York,	
		"	from Rev. P. T. Kluge, Sheboygen, Wisconsin,	
		"	from H. S. Zink, Treas. of Home Missionary Society of St Pauls Ger. Ref. congregation, Lancaster, Pa.,	
		"	from Rev. John Gantenbein, col. in Towamencin congregation, Carbon county, Pa.,	
	9	"	per Rev. J. Beck, Easton, Pa., from Sab. school of his cong, on life memb. pledged at Synod,	
	18	"	per Rev. G. Wolff, Treas. of East Susq. Classis, from Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Sunbury charge, part of pledge at Synod in Harrisburg, Pa., 15,44, per do. from Rev. A. G. Dole, Milton, Pa., 10,00, per do. from Rev. H. Hoffman, Brier creek mission, 9,74, per do. from Rev. D. W. Wolff, Catawissa, 6,00, per do. from Rev. G. Wolff, Paradise, 11,00, and paid by him to Brier creek mission,	
	22	"	from Rev. T. H. Leinbach, col. in Shaefferstown,	
		"	per Rev. C. H. Leinbach, Treas., from Jacksonville cong., towards constituting Rev. W. R. Yearick a life member.	
	24	"	per Rev. J. O. Miller, York, Pa., Sab. school, 27,72, Infant Sab. school, 20,00, Mary's missionary box, 6,08, A Friend, 5,00, Monthly concert fund, 1,20, to constitute J. Loucks and G. H. Maish life members,	
	29	"	per J. Bernheisel, from Loysville congregation,	
March	7	"	per Rev. T. P. Bucher, from Sab. school G. Ref. church, Gettysburg, Pa., quarterly collection,	
		"	per B. S. S., from S. Meyer, Centre co., annual donation,	
	14	"	per Rev. F. W. Kremer, from Rev. I. Miese,	
	17	"	per Rev. H. Heckerman, from Bedford charge, to constitute Jacob Reed, of Bedford, a life member, as pledged at meeting of Mercersburg Classis,	
	20	"	from Rev. H. Harbaugh, collected by him,	
	22	"	from Mr. Matthias Hoffer,	
	28	"	per Rev. F. W. Kremer, from Rev. I. Miese,	
		"	from Rev. D. S. Tobias,	
April	4	"	per Rev. I. G. Brown, Mercersburg, Pa., from a Lady in Cove congregation, 3,00, and another Lady, 50cts, communion col. at Mercersburg, Pa., 3,50, from Sunday school, 4,00,	
		"	per Rev. F. W. Kremer, from Rev. I Miese,	
		"	per John Weist, Treas., from Sab. school of 1st Ger. Ref. church, Race street, Philadelphia, to constitute Miss Caroline Arnold a life member, 20,00, of which he appropriates to Sandusky city mission,	
	16	"	from "A friend to missions in Berks county,"	
			Carried over,	$1,

CR.

1860.		Amount brought over,	$1,676,78
April	18	Cash per Rev. C. H. Leinbach, Treas. of West Susq. Classis, from Bellefonte charge, additional, to constitute Rev. D. G. Klein a life member, 10,00, from do. from Lewisburg congregation, 5,00,	15,00
	25	" per Rev. F. W. Kremer, from Miss M. H. Gloninger, Treas. of Female Ben. Society, Lebanon, Pa., congregation, 40,00, do. contribution from Lebanon Sab. school of Lebanon congregation and monthly concert, 50,00, and part of a collection in Lebanon congregation, 4,50,	94,50
May	4	" from Ger. Ref. church, Chambersburg, Pa., per B. Wolff, Treasurer,	20,00
	5	" per Rev. J. H. Derr, from the Missionary and Education society of his congregation, to constitute Joseph Weiss a life member,	30,00
	9	" from John Waggoner, Newville, Pa., a birth day offering,	5,00
		" per Henry Wirt, Treas., of Missionary Society of Hanover church, their missionary contribution for the past year, Hanover congregation, 46,00, Sunday school, 6,00, Lischey's cong., 25,00,	77,00
		" from Rev. J. F. Busche, reported in Jan., '60,	36,00
		" " " " April, '60,	10,00
		" from Rev. J. Riale, Lisbon, Iowa,	20,00
		" " D. Hefelfinger, Newville, Pa.,	9,06
		" " P. T. Kluge, Sheboygen, Wisconsin,	3,50
		" " I. Gerhart, col. in vicinity of Lancaster,	2,33
		" " P. Vitz, Decatur, Adams county, Ind.,	3,00
		" " T. Grosshüsch, Rochester, N. York,	4,00
		" " F. W. Steffens, Louisville, Ky.,	19,55
		" " O. Lohr, Elizabeth city, New Jersey,	3,00
	15	" per Rev. J. O. Miller from Rev. J. Sechler, Littlestown congregation,	35,00
	16	" per Rev. F. W. Kremer, Treas. of Lebanon Classis, from Rev. I. Miese,	18,00
		" from Rev. D. Y. Heisler, Bethlehem, Pa.,	9,06
		" per C. Julius Heppe, Supt. of the Salem Sab. school, Philadelphia, from the Children's Miss. Soc., balance to constitute Samuel Schusch a life member of this society,	15,00
	19	" per Rev. J. O. Miller, dividend on 25 shares of York Bank stock, being the legacy of Mrs. Margaret L. Spangler left to our Board; also from do. a certificate for said stock,	43,75
		" from Rev. S. H. Ried, Huntingdon charge, redemption of pledge at Classis,	10,00
		from Rev. W. M. Deatrick, Yellow creek charge,	7,50
		from Rev. I. G. Brown, Mercersburg charge, in full of pledge,	95
		" from Rev. C. F. Hoffmeier, Friends Cove, in redemption of pledge,	15,00
	24	" from Rev. D. G. Klein, Zions, Centre county, Pa.,	10,00
		Carried forward,	$2,192,98

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1860.				
			Amount brought forward,	$2,192,98
May	24	Cash	per Rev. G. Wolff Treas. of East Susq. Classis, from Rev. I. Schellhammer, 13,68, Rev. H. Hoffman, 3,29, Rev. W. Goodrich, being part of pledge at Synod on life membership, 10,00, Rev. E. Kieffer, a pledge to constitute Mrs. R. A. Fisher a life member, 30,00	57,17
		"	per J. G. Deckel, from Ger. Ref. Bethlehem congregation, Kensington, Philadelphia,	10,00
	26	"	from Rev. T. G. Apple, Greencastle, Pa., collected in his charge,	30,00
	31	"	from Rev. E. W. Riemecke, Nazareth, Pa., collected at Plainfield church missionary meetings, April 1st, 5,10, April 29, 3,12, May 27, 3,68, communion collection at Forks, May 20, 13,10,	25,00
June	6	"	per J. Rodenmayer, Supt. of Maryland Classis, from F. Achey, Treas. of 3d Ger. Ref. ch., Baltimore, in full of pledge to Synod for a life membership, 30,00, from Rev. Jesse Steiner, Glade charge, 26,00, from do, for Rev. J. H. Buser, 15,00, from Rev. S. H. Giesy, Hagerstown congregation, 15,00, from Rev. W. F. Colliflower, Jefferson charge, in full of pledge at Synod, 10,00, from Rev. H. Wissler, 4,50, from Rev. H. I. Comfort, Mechanicstown charge, 5,00, from Rev. W. R. Krebs, Emmittsburg congregation, 5,67, from do. Fairfield congregation, 4,43,	115,60
	13	"	per Rev. F. W. Kremer, Treas. Leb. Classis, from Rev. J. Kline, 11,50, from Rev. W. A. Good, 3,65, from Rev. J. E. Hiester, 2,50, from Rev. H. Wagner, 12,00,	34,65
	20	"	from Rev. D. S. Tobias, Rebersburg charge,	5,00
		"	from Rev. F. J. Mohr, Williamsport charge, to constitute Mrs. Yearick a life member,	30,00
		"	from Rev. L. C. Edmonds, Aaronsburg charge, towards constituting Mrs. E. a life member,	15,00
		"	from Rev. W. H. Groh, Boalsburg cong., bal. of	
		"	life membership of Mrs. P. S. Fisher,	23,00
		"	from Union church at Minam,	5,00
		"	from Rev. H. Daniel, Liberty Valley,	8,00
		"	from Emanuel's ch., Jacksonville, Pa., balance to constitute Rev. W. R. Yearick a life member,	15,00
		"	from G. W. Hensel, Treas. of Quarrysville ch., Lancaster co.,	13,38
	23	"	per J. A. Mertz, Treas. of W. Susq. Classis, from Rev. W. H. Groh, Boalsburg charge, to constitute Jacob Meyer a life member, 30,00; also as an offering of one who has gone to her reward, in part to constitute Mrs. Rachel Meyer a life member, 10,00,	40,00
	26	"	from Rev. N. S. Strassburger, Pottstown, Pa., col. at meeting of Classis at Falconer Swamp, 17,40, collected by himself in Limerick congregation, 6,37,	23,77
			Carried over,	$2,643,55

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1860.			Amount brought over,	$2,648,55
June	27	Cash	from Rev. T. P. Bucher, 2nd quarterly contribution from Ger. Ref. Sab. school, Gettysburg, Pa.,	10,00
		"	from Rev. I. K. Loos, Richmond, Pa., part of collection in charge, for life membership to be designated hereafter,	30,00
July	4	"	from Rev. J. S. Kessler, collected in charge, per Rev. A. J. G. Dubs, Treas. of Goshenhoppen Classis,	10,73
	7	"	from Rev. D. Riegel, Dillsburg, York co., Pa.,	15,00
	20	"	from Rev. D. Gring, Shrewsbury, York county, Pa., per Rev. J. O. Miller, on life membership,	30,00
	25	"	from Jacob Feller, Middleburg, Indiana,	1,00
Aug.	1	"	from Rev. A. B. Shenkle, col. in the Trappe and St. Peter's congregations,	25,00
	5	"	from Rev. J. S. Dubs, North Whitehall, Lehigh co., Pa., collected at harvest sermons in Union, 16,50, Egypt, 15,71, Jordan, 8,73, Cedar, 4,92, added, 14,	46,00
	10	"	from Rev. J. T. Etter, New Glaris, Wisconsin, Swiss Ref. cong., per Rev. Dr. Fisher,	26,40
	12	"	Rev. W. M. Deatrick, Yellow creek charge,	10,00
	15	"	per Rev. J. S. Dubs, from Mrs. Catharine L., wife of Dr. W. S. Kohler,	7,00
		"	per Rev. F. W. Kremer, from Rev. J. E. Hiester,	4,25
	16	"	per Rev. F. A. Rupley, from Shippensburg ch.,	25,00
	20	"	per Rev. George Wolff, being part of their annual contributions—in full for two life memberships, names to be given hereafter, viz: from Paradise congregation, 40,00, Strawberry Ridge, 20,00,	60,00
	30	"	from Rev. J. W. Hoffmeier, Millersville, Lancaster county,	10,50
		"	from Rev. J. Henry Dubs, Allentown, Pa., Harvest collection in Allentown, 14,05, Nazareth, 10,70, Morgenland, 6,61,	31,36
		"	from Rev. J. W. Steffens, Louisville, Kentucky,	19,75
		"	from Rev. I. Gerhart, two collections,	4,13
		"	from Rev. T. Grosshüsch, Rochester, N. Y.,	5,13
		"	from Rev. P. T. Kluge, Sheboygan, Wisconsin,	4,50
		"	from Rev. H. A. Mühlmeier,	10,00
		"	from Rev. P. S. Fisher, Sellersville, Bucks co., Harvest collections in two of his congregations, Tohicken, 22,75, Charleston, 8,25,	31,00
Sept.	5	"	from Rev. J. D. Zehring, for Rev. J. Klingler, Allen county, Ohio,	13,00
		"	from Rev. J. E Hiester,	3,00
	6	"	from Rev. Jacob Zeigler, Gettysburg, Pa., collection in Arendtsville congregation. 18,75, Benders do., 11,98, Bendersville do., 2,18,	32,91
	12	"	per Rev. J. Beck, Easton, Pa, from the male members of his congregation,	47,00
	13	"	from Rev. Samuel Hess, Hellerstown, collected in charge,	17,50
	18	"	from Rev. T. Gerhard, Lancaster, Pa, harvest collections in his charge, viz: Brickersville, 2,43, Whiteoak, 3,85, Petersburg, 5,07, New Haven, 2,04,	13,39
			Carried forward,	$3,187,10

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1860.			Amount brought forward,	$3,187,10
Sept.	18	Cash	from Rev. J. G. Neuber, Glassboro, New Jersey,	3,00
	19	"	from Rev. T. P. Bucher, 3d quarterly contribution from Ger. Ref. Sab. school, Gettysburg, Pa., per B. S S.,	13,00
		"	per Rev. F. W. Kremer, Treas. of Lebanon Classis, from Rev. T. H. Leinbach, for Tulpehocken church, 10,06, Klop's do. 9,00,	19,06
		"	from Rev. J. Gring,	3,57
		"	from John Weist, Treasurer of 1st German Ref.	
		"	church, Race street, Philadelphia—church col-	
		"	lections, 22,34, on account of this year's contri-	
		"	bution on the Systematic Benev. Plan, 100,00,	122,34
	24	"	from Rev. D. Willers, Fayette, New York, in redemption of pledge at Synod, to constitute Diedrich Willers, Jr., a life member,	30,00
	26	"	from Rev. J. Rebaugh, collection in Clearspring, Md.,	10,00
	27	"	from Rev. Henry Mosser, Landisburg, Perry co., Pa., St. Peters, 5,28, Germantown, 2,86, Lebanon cong , 4,40, Trinity, 4,21,	16,75
		"	From Rev. N. S. Strassburger, Pottstown, Pa., Limerick, 3,84, Pottstown, Ger., 6,00, Amity, 7,16,	17,00
	29	"	from Rev. J. Fritzinger, Green Brier, Frieden's 5,00, Colmans do., 2,51, St. Pauls, 1,81, St. James, 4,77, St. Peters, 3,54, St. Johns, 5,37,	23,00
		"	from Rev. J Naille, Elizabethtown, harvest col.,	20,00
Oct.	2	"	from Rev. A. B. Shenkle, Trappe charge,	6,00
	3	"	per John Wiest, from 1st Ger. Ref. congregation, Race street Philadelphia, part of contribution for this year on Systematic Benevolence Plan,	100,00
		"	per Rev. D. Weiser, from the Goshenhoppen and Great Swamp congregations,	60,00
		"	from Rev. I K. Loos, part of harvest collection, the balance, 25,00, having been devoted to Church extension.	16,00
	4	"	per Rev. J. Sechler, from Littlestown charge,	25,00
	8	"	per J. A. Mertz, Lewisburg, from Rev. J. C. Bucher, Mifflinburg charge, Classical apportionment,	10,00
	10	"	from Joseph, Weiss, Allentown, Pa., Treas., to constitute Miss Sarah Ritter a life member,	30,00
		"	from Rev. D. Rothrock, harvest collections, Durham, 8,40, Nockamixon, 7,53, Williams, 4,69, Tinicum, 4,67, Red Hill, 3,62, balance by D. R., 1,09,	30,00
	11	"	per Rev. D. Gans, from Rev. M. A. Smith, being a purse from his son, John Nevin, dec'd., for Home Missions,	1,50
	16	"	per Rev. John Rebaugh, from congregation at Middleburg, Pa., bal. in full to constitute H. M. a life member,	10,00
		"	from Rev. D. Gans' congregation, Harrisburg, Pa.,	34,91
			Carried over,	$3,788,23

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1860.			Amount brought over.	$3,788,23
Oct.	18	Cash	per Rev. F. W. Kremer, Treas. of Lebanon Classis, from John Heilman, Treas. of Miss. Society, Hill church,	18,41
		"	per do. collected in 1st church, Reading,	55,00
	18	"	from Rev. M. A. Smith, col. in his charge, 14,69, added by self, 1,31,	16,00
		"	from Rev. N. E. Gilds, collected in his charge,	10,00
		"	from Rev. John Gantenbein, Kreidersville, Pa., harvest collections in his charge,	41,25
		"	from Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Sunbury, in full of a pledge to constitute Mrs. R. F. Kelker a life member,	30,00
		"	from Rev. E. W. Reinecke, Missionary collection in Plainfield congregation,	5,30
		"	from Rev. G. B. Dechant, collected in Hamilton charge,	15,36
		"	from Rev. J. O. Miller, York, Pa., collected on the Systematic plan of benevolence, on life membership, names to be designated hereafter,	100,00
		"	from Rev. A. L. Dechant, collected in Keeler's cong., 21,45, Sumnytown, 18,28, Boyerstown, 16,95, Hubers, 8,57,	65,25
		"	per Rev. L. K. Derr, Tamaqua, Pa., from Missionary Society connected with his congregation, (St. Johns) constituting their pastor a life memb.,	30,00
		"	from Rev. H. Harbaugh, the remnant of collection taken at meeting of Lancaster Classis, 1,00, A Friend, 5,00, do. 75,	6,75
		"	per Rev. A. H Kremer, Carlisle, Pa., from Sab. school, attached to his congregation,	30,00
		"	per John Rodenmayer, Supt. of Maryland Classis, from Dr. Heiner's church, 2nd street Baltimore, from Ladies' Soc'y, per Mrs. G. S. Griffith,	
		"	27,00, from Rev. G. W. Glessner, Middletown charge, 20,00, Rev. M. L. Shuford, Mt. Moriah charge, 1,50, Rev. J. W. Santee, Cavetown charge, 10,00, Rev. H. Wissler, Manchester charge, 12,75, Rev. S. H. Giesy, Salem congreg., Hagerstown charge, 30,15, Rev. J. G. Fritchey, Taneytown charge, 30,00,	131,40
				$4,342,95

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Oct.	24	To cash paid	Rev. E. Böhringer, as designated by Rev.	
		" "	Jno. Gantenbein,	$10,70
		" "	Rev. J. Riale, Lisbon, Linn co.,	50,00
Nov.	29	" "	Rev. P. T. Kluge, Sheboygan, Wisconsin,	37,50
		" "	Rev. A. Shröder, Detroit, Michigan,	75,00
		" "	Rev. J. B. Pörner, Hazleton, Pa.,	15,00
		" "	Rev. Peter Vitz,	20,00
		" "	Rev. H. Eschmeier, Toledo, Ohio,	25,00
		" "	Rev. I. Gerhart,	14,47
		" "	Rev. G. B. Russell, from 1st Ger. Ref. church, Race st., Phila'a, for church edifice, Pittsburgh,	61 00
Dec.	5	" "	Rev. T. Grosshuesch, on old quarter, 13,	
		" "	Do. 50,	63,00
		" "	Rev. S. Mease, Cincinnati,	75,00
		" "	Rev. G. B. Russell, Pittsburgh,	50,00
		" "	Rev. I. Gerhart, for certificates,	114,90
		" "	J. S. Royal, for order book,	3,50
	9	"	retained by Rev. J. Beck, for Wilkesbarre church,	60,00
	10	"	pd. Rev. O. Lohr, Elizabeth city, N. J.,	37,50
		" "	Rev. F. Busche, New York city,	50,00
		" "	Rev. G. E. Gramm, Baltimore,	37,50
		" "	Rev. P. T. Kluge, Sheboygan, Wis.,	37,50
		" "	Rev. T. Grosshuesch, Rochester, N. Y.,	50,00
	12	" "	Discount on note, $300, at 90 days,	4,70
		" "	Rev. J Klingler,	25,00
		" "	Rev. I. Gerhart, incidental expenses for 3 months,	5,07
		" "	Rev. E. Böhringer, Norfolk, Va.,	15,00
		" "	Rev. H. Eschmeier, Toledo, Ohio,	25,00
		" "	Rev. A. Shröder, Detroit, Michigan,	75,00
		" "	Rev. F. Strassner, Wilkesbarre,	48,95
	29	" "	Rev. J. B. Knicst, Sandusky city mission church,	23,00
	31	" "	Fremont church, Ohio, from Frederick congregation,	32,00
1860				
Jan.	24	" "	Rev. C. Cast, by Jno. Rodenmayer, Sup. of Maryland Classis,	4,25
Feb.	1	" "	Rev. J. Riale, Lisbon, Iowa,	50,00
		" "	Rev. O. Lohr, Elizabeth city, N. J.,	37,50
		" "	Rev. S. Mease, Cincinnati, Ohio,	75,00
		" "	Rev. T. Grosshuesch, Rochester, N. Y.,	50,00
		" "	Rev. G. E. Gramm. Baltimore, Md.,	37,50
		" "	Rev. J. Klingler, Herring, Allen co., O.,	25,00
		" "	Rev. P. T. Kluge, Sheboygan, Wis.,	37,50
	13	" "	Rev. H. Hoffman, paid by Rev. G. Wolff, Treasurer, &c.,	52,18
Mar.	15	" "	int. on note, $300, Har. Bank, at 90 days,	4,70
	17	" "	Rev. E. Böhringer, Norfolk, Va.,	37,00
		" "	Rev. D. G. Klein, to M. Kieffer & Co., per order,	18,75
		" "	Rev. G. B Russell, do. per quar. salary,	50,00
		" "	Rev. J. B. Knicst,	62,50
		" "	do for mission church, from Dr. Bomberger's church,	20,00
			Carried over,	$1,702,57

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1860,			Amount brought over,	$1,702,57
May	20	To cash paid	Pres't of Board on certificate Plate, paid Rev. H. H.,	11,30
	22	" "	Do. from Mr. Hoffer,	5,00
	26	" "	Rev. S. Mease, due him on last year's salary,	75,00
May	22	" "	Rev. H. Hoffman, paid to him by Treas'r of East Susquehanna Classis,	17,17
June	8	" "	Rev. C. Cast, paid by Maryland Classis,	75,60
		" "	Rev. E. Böhringer, do	25,00
		" "	Rev. J. H. Buser, do	15,00
		" "	int. on note in Har. B'k, $300, at 90 days,	4,70
		" "	Rev. A. Tönsmeier, Louisville, Ky., balance on settlement,	87,50
		" "	Rev. C. Plüss, Arnheim, Brown co., Ohio,	25,00
		" "	Rev. J. F. Busche, New York city,	37,50
		" "	Pres't of Board, incidental expenses for three months,	3,60
		" "	Rev. J. H. Apple, travelling expenses to Wilkesbarre,	6,00
		" "	Rev. J. Riale, Lisbon, Iowa, on salary,	100,00
		" "	Rev. A. Shröder, Detroit, Michigan,	75,00
		" "	Rev. Hefelfinger, in full to his resignation,	37,50
		" "	Rev. H. Eschmeier, Toledo, Ohio,	25,00
		" "	Rev. F. Strassner, trav. exp. to Wilkesbarre,	17,00
		" "	Rev. H. C. Heyser, Liverpool, Perry co., Pa.,	25,00
		" "	Rev. C. F. McCauley, 2d ch., Reading, Pa.,	50,00
		" "	Rev. H. Kortheuer, Terre Haute, Ind.,	15,00
		" "	Rev. S. Mease, Cincinnati, Ohio,	75,00
		" "	Rev. J. Klingler, Herring, Allen co., O.,	25,00
		" "	Rev. I. Gerhart, qr's salary as missionary near Lancaster,	10,00
		" "	Rev. P. Vitz, Decatur, Adams co., Ind.,	20,00
		" "	Rev. T. Grosshuesch, Rochester, N. Y.,	50,00
		" "	Rev. F. W. Steffens, Louisville, Ky.,	37,50
		" "	Rev. O. Lohr, Elizabeth city, N. J.,	25,00
		" "	Rev. J. Eichen, Cressline, Ohio,	15,00
		" "	Rev. P. T. Kluge, Sheboygan, Wis.,	37.50
		" "	Rev. J. F. Busche, New York city,	50,00
		" "	Rev. I. Gerhart, on acc't of certificate plate,	10,50
		" "	Pres't of Board, incidental expenses for three months,	5,20
Sept.	5	" "	Rev. C. Plüss, Arnheim, Brown co., Ohio,	25,00
		" "	Rev. J. Riale, Lisbon, Iowa,	62,50
		" "	Rev. H. C. Heyser, Richfield, Snyder, co. Pa.	25,00
		" "	Rev. E. Böhringer, Norfolk, Va.,	25,00
		" "	Rev. D. G. Klein, Zion's, Centre co., Pa.,	18,75
		" "	Rev. J. B. Kniest, Sandusky city, Ohio,	37,50
		" "	Rev. H. Eschmeier, Toledo, Ohio,	37,50
		" "	Rev. I. E. Graeff, mission'y at Columbia,	25,00
		" "	Rev. F. Strassner, Wilkesbarre, special appropriation,	25,00
		" "	Rev. S. Mease, Cincinnati, Ohio,	75,00
		" "	Rev. H. Kortheuer, Terre Haute, Ind.,	15,00
		" "	Rev. O. Lohr, Elizabeth city, N. J.,	25,00
			Carried forward,	$3,192,89

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1860.		Amount brought forward,	$3,192,89
Sept.	5	Cash paid Rev. J. Eichen, Cressline, Ohio,	15,00
		" " Rev. T. Grosshuesch, Rochester, N. Y.,	50,00
		" " Rev. J. F. Busche, New York city,	50,00
		" " Rev. J. Klingler, Herring, Allen co., Ohio,	25,00
		" " int. on note for $600 at 60 days, Har. B'k,	6,40
		" " Rev. P. T. Kluge, Sheboygan, Wisconsin,	37,50
		" " Rev. J. Riale, Lisbon, Iowa,	62,50
		" " Rev. C. Plüss, Arnheim, Brown co., Ohio,	25,00
		" " Rev. F. W. Steffens, Louisville, Ky ,	37,50
		" " Rev. I. Gerhart, qr's salary as missionary near Lancaster,	10,00
		" " Rev. E. Böhringer, Norfolk, Va.,	25,00
		" " M. Kieffer & Co., printing 4000 Mission Tracts,	38,00
		" " Pres't of Board, incidental expenses for three months,	3,52
		" " Treasurer's postage, &c., during the year,	4,32
		" " Rev. C. Cast, trav. expenses to Detroit,	50,00
		" " Rev. C. F. McCauley,	50,00
	18	" " Rev. C. Cast, as paid to him by Maryland Classis,	49,40
		" " Rev. E. Böhringer, do do	25,00
		" " do pd. trav. expenses to Richmond,	16,00
		" " Rev. C. Cast, paid for him to M. Rickenbaugh,	10,00
		" " Rev. J. Beck, trav. expenses to Newark,	4.00
		" " Rev. J. B. Pörner,	44,97
		" " Rev. D. G. Klein,	18,75
			$3,850,25
		Balance in Treasury, - . - -	492,70
			$4,342,95

The undersigned certifies that he examined the Treasurer's report, and compared it with the vouchers, and found it correct.

GEORGE WOLFF.

The consideration of the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes was continued.

Request No. 6. The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That inasmuch as the reasons assigned by the Stated Clerk for the late appearance of the last year's Minutes are satisfactory, this item be passed over.

Request No. 7 was acceded to.

Request No. 8. *Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk be requested to employ a good translator of the Minutes into the German language.

Request No. 9. Laid on the table.

Request No. 10. Laid on the table, until the Committee on Overtures report.

Request No. 11. Laid on the table.

Request No. 12. *Resolved*, That this item be passed over, inasmuch as it has already been provided for, and that the Stated Clerk be instructed to have the German Minutes of Synod published entire in the German language.

Request No. 13. Referred to a committee, consisting of the Rev. Daniel Gans, Samuel N. Callender, and Elder Daniel Follmer.

Request No. 14. In reference to this request, it was

Resolved, That inasmuch as the Classis labored under a wrong impression, no action having been had, the request can not be acceded to.

Request No. 15. In reference to this request, it was

Resolved, That, whilst we believe the minute as it stands, to be correct, the brother to whom it relates, in view of the explanations given, be exonerated from all censure.

Request No. 16. Referred to the committee on this subject.

Request No. 17. Laid on the table.

Request No. 18. In reference to this request, it was

Resolved, That the attention of the several Classes be directed to this subject.

Request No. 19. Laid on the table, as the matter to which it refers, had already been attended to.

Request No 20. Laid on the table.

Request No. 21. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That that this subject be referred to a special committee, to report at the next annual meeting of Synod. The committee consists of the Rev. Charles H. Leinbach, Walter E. Krebs, Joseph H. Dubs, and Elders Stephen B. Kieffer and William Heyser.

Adjourned. Prayer by Elder John P. Reed.

TUESDAY, October 23rd, 7 o'clock, P. M.

Opened with singing and prayer by the Rev. Samuel Mohse.

The consideration of the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes was continued.

Request No. 22. In reference to this request, it was

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be requested to send each

minister in the Church, and also each lay delegate to Synod, a copy of the Minutes of Synod as soon as they are published; and further that the copies intended for the several Classes be sent by the Stated Clerk to some two or three prominent points in each Classis.

Request No. 23. Referred to the committee to whom Request No. 21, had been referred.

Request No. 24. Referred to the committee on this subject.

Request No. 25. Passed over, inasmuch as the matter to which it relates, had been already attended to.

Request No. 26. Laid on the table until the Committee on Overtures report.

Request No. 27. Referred to the committee on this subject.

Request No. 28. Passed over, inasmuch as the matter to which it refers, had already been attended to.

Request No. 29. Referred to the committee to whom was referred, Request No. 13.

Request No. 30. The dissent expressed in this request was affirmed, and the former action referred to, revoked.

Request No. 31. In reference to this request, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to reduce the assessment on the Classis of New York for Contingent expenses, to the proportional sum of $10,00.

The first item under the heading of "subjects referred to Classes," was approved.

The second item under this heading was laid on the table until the Committee on Overtures report.

The several statements in the report, under the headings: "Receptions and Dismissions," and "Time and Place of Meeting of the Classes," were approved.

The report, having been gone through with, was adopted as a whole.

The Committee on Overtures submitted the following report:

The Committee on Overtures beg leave to report that the following papers and articles have been placed in their hands:

1. A communication from Prof. Lewis H. Steiner, M. D., with a copy of an excellent selection of Church Music, Chants, and Hymns, under the title of "Cantate Domino," prepared and edited by himself and Prof. Schwing.

2. A memorial signed by 69 male members of the Fairview charge, Clarion Classis, praying that Synod would change the

line of the recent division of said Classis, so that said Fairview charge may not be attached to the new Classis formed (St. Paul's) and thus subjected to great inconvenience.

3. A memorial signed by one licentiate, two elders, two deacons, three trustees, and eight male members of the Freeburg (Snyder county) German Reformed church, complaining of a certain resolution adopted at the last annual meeting of the Classis of West Susquehanna, regarding the eligibility to any Church office of persons keeping houses of public entertainment, or hotels. The memorialists request Synod to order the rescinding of said resolution, because it operates unfavorably upon Mr. Frederick C. Moyer, whom they represent as a man of excellent character, and as a worthy member and officer of their church.

4. A letter from Rev. D. Y. Heisler, setting forth a number of reasons why the request of the Classis of Goshenhoppen to define the boundary between said Classis and that of East Pennsylvania should not be granted.

5. The resignation of the Rev. B. Bausman, as Associate Editor of the German Reformed Messenger.

6. A letter from the Rev. S. Gutelius, requesting Synod to direct the Classis of West Susquehanna to reconsider its recent action in separating a congregation from Freeburg charge, and connecting it with the missionary field occupied by Rev. Mr. Heyser.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. A. BOMBERGER, *Chairman.*

The report was received and disposed of item by item as follows:

Item 1. Referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Samuel N. Callender, Jacob O. Miller, and Elder Stephen B. Kieffer.

Item 2. In connection with this item, the action of the Classis of Clarion in regard to the organization of a new Classis from territory within its own bounds, was taken into consideration. The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the action of the Classis of Clarion, creating a new Classis from territory within its own bounds, to be known as the St. Paul's Classis, be confirmed.

Resolved, That the St. Paul's Classis be directed to meet at Hartstown, Crawford county, Pa., on Thursday the 17th of January, 1861, at 6 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of organizing, and that the Rev. Samuel N. Callender preach the opening sermon.

Resolved, That the petition from the Fairview charge be referred to the Classis of St. Paul.

Item 3. In connection with this item, Item No. 3, under the heading of "Irregularities," in the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, was taken into consideration. The whole subject was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Walter, E Krebs, Benjamin Bausman, and Elder Charles Santee.

Item 4. This item, together with the several items in the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes relating to the same subject, was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. John S. Foulk, Isaac G. Brown, and Elder Henry Ruby.

Item 5. Referred to a committee with instructions to report to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock. The committee consists of the Rev. Dr. John H. A. Bomberger, Dr. Elias Heiner, and Elder William Heyser.

Item 6. This item was referred to the Classis of West Susquehanna.

The report of the Committee on Overtures was adopted as a whole.

The committee appointed by the last Synod to translate the new Liturgy into the German language and have it published, submitted the following report:

Your committee have had several meetings in the course of the present year, with a view to complete the work assigned them. In the progress of their labor, however, they met with a greater number of difficulties, than was anticipated at the commencement.

The translation itself was finished already at the commencement of the present year. The last meeting of the committee was held on the 10th inst., the particular object of which was to complete the revision of the translation, which, however, was not fully accomplished. Several of the formula translated, which have been revised, are herewith presented for inspection.

With a view to provide for the publication of the Liturgy, your committee first applied to M. Kieffer & Co., for the terms on which they would publish it; and received a reply, that they would not undertake to publish it at their own risk; but were willing to publish it on reasonable terms for the Synod or the committee. The committee also consulted the publishers, Lindsay & Blakiston, of Philadelphia, and learned from them, that they were willing to publish the German Liturgy on the same terms on which they published the English edition, provided the Synod would guarantee the sale of three thousand copies.

The committee leaves it to Synod, to determine the particular measures it will adopt for the speedy publication of the German Liturgy.

Respectfully submitted.

J. S. KESSLER, *Chairman.*

Philadelphia, Oct, 16th 1860.

The report was received, and laid on the table, until the subject of the revising of the English Liturgy be taken up.

The committee appointed by the last Synod to visit the First German Reformed church of Reading, Pa., submitted their report. The report was received, and then recommitted to the committee for amendment.

The committee continued by the last Synod, to prosecute the suit against Ex-Sheriff Duncan, of York county, Pa., submitted the following report:

The committee in the suit against Ex-Sheriff Duncan, York county, Pa., submit the following as their report:

That some progress has been made during the past year looking towards a final settlement of this long protracted case. Yet, it has not assumed such a form, that your committee could with any degree of confidence state that another year would bring it to a close; a consummation devoutely to be wished. Still we do not think it advisable to relinquish this suit at this juncture, since in that case we have all to lose, and nothing to gain: whereas the Synod in the end may yet obtain from this source something for its Theological Library, which was unjustly taken from it.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. MILLER, *Chairman.*

The report was received and adopted, and the committee continued.

The report of the committee on the creation of a Board of Publication, action on which was deferred by the last Synod until the present meeting, was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary submitted their report. The report was received, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Theological Seminary beg leave to present the following report:

In the report of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary there are several items which claim the attention of this Synod. In the first place, this Board refers to the condition of the Theological Library, and intimates its want of some standard works

of theology in the English language; most of those on its shelves being in the German language. To meet this want the Board suggest that an annual contribution from the Church generally would easily effect this object.

This Board also brings to the notice of this Synod the propriety of establishing a Church Extension Fund, and suggests that such a fund might be very successfully used in planting churches and establishing congregations in those parts of our bounds as a Church, where such do not exist, as well as to assist feeble congregations to secure houses of worship.

In a financial respect the Seminary is in a better condition than it was one year ago. There is still, however, a considerable portion of the debt, which was created by improving the Seminary building, remaining unmet, from the fact that the one third of the amount apportioned among the different Classes for this purpose, remains unpaid. The continuance of this debt, with its accruing interest, is to be regretted, and calls specially for some action upon the part of this Synod.

In view of the above items your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That it be and is hereby recommended to the different churches within our bounds to take up a collection, at some suitable time during the year, for the use of the Theological Library.

Resolved, That those Classes which have not yet met their apportionment of the Seminary debt are hereby earnestly urged to do so as soon as possible.

From the report of the Board of Visitors we learn, that the internal condition of the Seminary continues to be improving and encouraging. The number of students during the past year has increased, and their moral and religious deportment, as well as their progress in study, has been satisfactory and commendable. The suggestion of Synod to have a sermon preached before the students at the end of each term has been complied with, with evidences of interest and good results.

The Board complains that some of the Classes have licensed several students without being regularly dismissed from the Seminary, and asks this Synod to take some action by way of sustaining the rules of the institution in this respect, and correcting error. Touching this subject, your committee would recommend the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That this Synod reiterate the sentiment adopted two years ago at the Synod of Fredrick city, regulating this matter.

The attention of Synod is called to the fact, that the donation of Mrs. Lott to the education cause has been received, and safely invested, according to her wish. The Committee submit the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod are due to Mrs. Lott for carrying out the pious wishes of her father, as expressed on his death bed, and that the Stated Clerk be requested to transmit to her a copy of this resolution.

This Board makes particular reference to the interests of Beneficiary Education, and asks the special attention of this Synod to the pressing claims of this work. The amount of funds heretofore secured for this object are by no means sufficient to meet the current wants of the Board of Education. Indeed the Treasury is now in debt, and requires some special and immediate efforts in order to its relief. Your committee would, therefore, respectfully recommend the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the pressing claims of Beneficiary Education be solemnly pressed upon the attention of all our churches, and that earnest and immediate efforts be urged in order to meet the claims of this cause.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL H. REID, *Chairman.*

Elder John P. Reed obtained leave of absence after to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Adjourned. Prayer by the Rev. Walter E. Krebs.

WEDNESDAY, October 24th, 8½ o'clock, A. M.

Opened with singing and prayer by the Rev. Thomas H. Leinbach.

The minutes of yesterday were read and adopted.

Elders Daniel Follmer and Thomas Butz, and the Rev. N. S. Strassburger, obtained leave of absence after this morning's session.

The Rev. Nathaniel E. Gilds, delegate *primarius* from the Classis of Mercersburg, appeared and resumed the seat occupied by his *secundus*, the Rev. William M. Deatrick.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod will not entertain any further applications for leave of absence until at the close of this afternoon's session

The order of the day for this morning at 9 o'clock, the report of the committee on the creation of a Board of Publication submitted to the last annual Synod, was taken up. After some discussion, the further consideration of the subject was deferred until the next annual meeting of Synod.

The committee, to whom was referred the action of the several Classes in regard to the New German Hymn Book, submitted their report. It was received, taken up item by item, amended, and then adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee, to whom was referred the requests of several Classes, touching the adoption of the German Reformed Hymn Book published by the Rev. Dr. P. Schaff, and the consequent guarantee of one thousand dollars to M. Kieffer & Co., beg leave to submit the following report:

Whereas, the action of last Synod, in the adoption of the German Hymn Book, published by Rev. Dr. P. Schaff, is unconstitutional (vide Constitution, Part II., chapter II., Section III., Article 7), inasmuch as it was not submitted to the action of the several Classes, therefore

Resolved 1st, That Synod declare said action null and void.

Resolved 2d, That Synod recommend the said German Hymn Book to the consideration of the respective Classes agreeably to the Article of the Constitution above cited.

D. GANS, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That, notwithstanding the action just taken, in view of the fact that the New German Hymn Book has already been extensively introduced into our German congregations, and that its withdrawal would create great confusion, its use be provisionally authorized until final action on the subject be had by the Church and Synod.

The committee to whom was referred the resignation of the Rev. Benjamin Bausman, Associate Editor of the German Reformed Messenger, submitted the following report:

The committee, to whom the resignation of the Rev. B. Bausman was referred, beg leave to report—

That they are fully persuaded that if this resignation be allowed to take effect, the value of the Messenger will be seriously affected, and the material interest of the Church in that paper be considerably damaged. We would, therefore, recommend, that brother Bausman be earnestly requested to reconsider his resignation, and consent to retain his place at Chambersburg for at least another year. And in the hope of inducing brother Bausman to assent to this request, we offer for adoption the following resolutions, with the consent of the Rev. Dr. Fisher:

Resolved, That the Rev. B. Bausman be hereby requested to assume the chief editorial management of the German Reformed Messenger, with authority to make, with the concurrence of Dr. Fisher, such improvements in the mechanical

appearance, and general character of the paper, as in his judgment may be deemed necessary.

Resolved, That the Synod appoint an Assistant Editorial Committee, of persons residing in different parts of the Church, and allow those contributors such compensation as may be deemed proper and sufficient to secure the cöoperation desired. The expenses thus incurred shall be paid out of the funds of the Printing Establishment.

Resolved, That in consideration of the interest which the Church at large has in maintaining the character and furthering the circulation of the Messenger, our ministers and members generally be earnestly requested to give it their more cordial support, and to use all proper endeavors to sustain the editors in the management of the paper, and to increase its subscription list.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. A. BOMBERGER, *Chairman.*

The report was received and adopted.

The following persons were appointed the Assistant Editorial Committee, called for in the preceding report: Rev. Dr. John H. A. Bomberger, Daniel Gans, Dr. Elias Heiner, Thomas G. Apple, Samuel H. Reid, and John Beck.

The Committee on Missions submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Missions respectfully report as follows:

The documents placed in our hands were the reports of the Presidents and Treasurers of the Boards of Foreign and Domestic Missions. These reports are full and satisfactory, giving evidence that the respective Boards have attended to the work entrusted to them, and that the blessing of God has not been withheld. The items claiming particular notice are the following:

I. FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Item 1. The continued remarkable success of our missionary at Aintab, and the gracious preservation of himself and mission, from the destruction that came upon so many of the Christians in Syria. For these evidences of Divine favor, the gratitude of the Synod and Church is due to our Lord. Therefore

Resolved, That, as the representatives of the Church, in Synod assembled, we with humble joy extol the grace and favor of God manifested to our mission and missionary in Syria.

Item 2. The Board, at the last meeting of Synod, was instructed to take early action with reference to the transfer of the mission at Aintab and affiliated points, to the entire juris-

diction and control of the Synod. Having ascertained the views and wishes of Dr. Schneider, and after prayerful and earnest consideration of the whole matter, the Board unanimously recommend, that the relations of the mission at Aintab be continued as at present. On this item we offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That Synod accede to this recommendation.

Item 3. The report of the Treasurer shows that the receipts have slightly exceeded those of the former year. They do not, however, approximate what they should be. Therefore

Resolved, That we earnestly request the Classes to urge the congregations within their bounds to increase their contributions to this cause.

II. HOME MISSIONS.

1. At the last meeting of Synod, the attention of the Board of Domestic Missions was directed to the disparity existing between the number of German and English missions sustained by it, with instructions to establish English missions wherever practicable. We have no evidence in this report that these instructions received attention. It is time that the disparity between the number of German and English missions has decreased, but this appears to have been rather the result of accident than design, being caused by the nature of the applications made, not by the activity of the Board in establishing such missions contemplated by Synod. The traditional policy of the Board has mainly been to extend aid to fields applying, rather than seeking and establishing missions, and to this policy must be attributed the failure of meeting the instructions of Synod, and not to an intentional disregard of these instructions.

Some of the missions supported by the Board are of long standing, and should by this time have become self-supporting. Others, both old and new, are weak, and of no special promise for the future, both as regards their location and the material of which they are composed. Others might be connected with established fields, and thus be brought beyond the necessity of of obtaining missionary aid, did the Classis, in whose bounds they are located, make proper efforts in such direction.

In view of these facts, your Committee recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board be instructed to adopt an enlarged and energetic policy in its operations,—carefully review the condition and prospects of its missions,—insist upon those long aided making themselves self-supporting—cease to aid those of little promise—endeavor to bring into connection with ex-

tablished fields such whose location renders this possible—and seek to establish missions in the larger towns and cities, in preference to aiding those begun and located in obscure places, and then asking for assistance.

2. We also suggest these additional resolutions:

Resolved, That the Classes be requested to make earnest efforts largely to increase the contributions of the churches to the Home Missionary cause.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Board be instructed so to prepare his report as to exhibit the amounts annually contributed by each Classis.

Respectfully submitted,

W. K. ZIEBER, *Chairman.*

The action on the report of the committee, to whom was referred the "Child's Catechism," was made the order of the day for this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The committee, to whom was referred the communication of Dr. Lewis H. Steiner, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee, to whom was referred the work on Church Music, presented by Dr. L. H. Steiner, entitled "Cantate Domino," would recommend the adoption of the following minute:

Resolved, That this Synod acknowledges the receipt of said book; that she regards with pleasure the earnest attempt to provide the congregations of the German Reformed Church, and others, with a higher order of Church Music than predominates in many of the volumes of music which are presented to the consideration of the Church—an order of music which refreshes her German heart, and the more general introduction of which she would regard with pleasure.

Respectfully submitted,

S. N. CALLENDER, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches beg leave to present the following report:

The only documents that have been placed in our hands are the Minutes of the 113th Annual Session of the German Evangelical Ministerium of Pennsylvania, and the Acts and Proceedings of the Western German Reformed Synod.

The German Evangelical Lutheran Synod held its last meeting in St. Paul's church, Philadelphia. Our delegate, the Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., was present, and met with a fraternal reception. The Rev H. S. Miller was elected to represent that body on the floor of this Synod. He has been welcomed to a seat in our midst.

From the Minutes of the Western Synod we learn, that our delegate, the Rev. H. Harbaugh, D. D., was present throughout the sessions of that body in Akron, Summit County, Ohio, and was cordially received. The Rev. J. G. Zahner was elected as the delegate *primarius*, and Rev. S. Mease as his *secundus*, to this body. The latter has been with us from the commencement of our sessions, and stands enrolled as the delegate from the Western Synod.

From the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, there is no delegate present. As this Synod meets every two years, no delegate nor documents can be looked for until next year. At the last meeting of our Synod in Harrisburg, the Rev. Philip Schaff, D. D., was elected as the delegate *primarius*, and the Rev. D. Y. Heisler as his *secundus*, to represent us in that body. No report can be asked at their hands until next year.

From the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church there is no delegate present, and no documents from this branch of the Christian Church have been received. We are therefore unable to report the names of the delegates appointed to represent them on the floor of this Synod. From the Minutes of our last Synod we learn, that the Rev. Daniel Zacharias, D. D., was elected as the delegate *primarius*, and Rev. E. Heiner, D. D., his *secundus*, to that body.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. FOULK, *Chairman.*

The committee, to whom was referred the resolutions at the close of the report of the committee on the Theological Tutorship, submitted their report. The report was received and adopted, and is as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the closing part of the report on the Theological Tutorship consider it inexpedient for the Synod to make any appointment under the scheme at this time. They simply recommend, therefore, that the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary be instructed to make the first appointment to the benefit of the Tutorship Fund as soon as the way may be fully open for that purpose; and that it be made the duty of the Treasurer of the Seminary, in the meantime, to have the several pledges to the fund properly secured in a legal way, by written obligations bearing interest from the first day of January, 1861.

J. W. NEVIN, *Chairman.*

In connection with the action of Synod on this general sul
ject, the following pledges, additional to those reported by tl
committee, were obtained towards the endowment of the The
logical Tutorship:

Zions Classis,	$500
East Pennsylvania Classis,	500
Maryland "	500
Rev. A. L. & G. B. Dechant,	500
Rev. B. Bausman,	500
Rev. H. F. Hartman,	500
R. F. Keiker,	500
Lebanon Classis,	500
Rev. Dr. Schaff, in addition to the previous pledge of the Faculty of the Seminary,	250
	$4,250

It was then

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to assume the $250 required to complete the scheme for
endowment of the Theological Tutorship, so as to raise
amount to $11,000.

The following resolution was adopted:

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Prayer by the Rev. A. J. G. Dubs.

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ments of the Constitution, with a view to provide for a General Synod of the whole Church, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted :

The committee, to whom was referred the report on the Triennial General Synod, beg leave to report—

That they have carefully examined said report, and recommend its adoption. It seems to your committee, as it is proposed to hold a General Synod only once in three years, that much inconvenience might be experienced from delay in cases of appeal, and perhaps some others; but, upon the whole, it was thought best to let the Article stand as it is. If, after the organization of the Triennial General Synod, it should be found expedient to meet oftener, the necessary change can be made.

All the changes in the Constitution, suggested by the report, seem proper and necessary; so, too, the omissions and additions proposed.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIAS HEINER, *Chairman.*

The same committtoe, which had just reported, were instructed to propose such further action to Synod, as is necessary to carry out the objects of the action embodied in the preceding report.

The committee to whom was referred the action of the Classis of West Susquehanna in regard to the traffic in ardent spirits, submitted their report. Their report was received. Before it was disposed of, the time assigned for taking up the report of the committee to whom the "Child's Catechism had been referred, arrived. The former report was accordingly laid on the table and the latter taken up. The report of the committee, so far as the proposed amendments are concerned, was concurred in. After considerable further discussion, it was

Resolved, That the further consideration of this subject be indefinitely postponed.

The committee which had prepared the Catechism asked Synod to have it returned to them. Their request was granted.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to confer with the committee on the Child's Catechism, to ascertain the expenses of said committee, and to draw on the Treasury of Synod for the payment of the same.

The committee consists of the Rev. Henry F. Hartman and Benjamin Bausman.

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The committee consists of the Rev. Henry F. Hartman and Benjamin Bausman.

The consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the action of the Classis of West Susquehanna, in

regard to the traffic in ardent spirits, was resumed. The report was amended, and then adopted, and is as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the action of West Susquehanna Classis with respect to the traffic in ardent spirits, beg leave to report the following resolution:

Resolved, That although we are fully sensible of the evils that flow from the vending and using of ardent spirits, and deeply deplore that any of our Church-members should be found engaged in it—yet inasmuch as the Constitution of the Church recognizes in Synod the power to enact general laws for the government of the whole Church and not in each Classis to legislate for itself, the action of this Classis be deemed premature and irregular.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. KREBS, *Chairman.*

The Rev. Thomas H. Leinbach, and Elders Stephen B. Kieffer and Philip Moyer, obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the sessions.

The committee to whom was referred the annual report of the Trustees of Synod, submitted their report. The report was received. Before it was disposed of, Synod adjourned.

Prayer by Elder William Orth.

WEDNESDAY, October 24th, 7 o'clock, P. M.

Opened with singing and prayer by the Rev. Dr. John S. Kessler.

The report received at the close of the afternoon's session, was taken up item by item, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

The committee to whom was committed the report of the Board of Trustees of the Synod, beg leave to report:

It appears from this report, that the Board held its first meeting in Harrisburg during the sessions of the Synod of 1859, and, in accordance with the provisions of the charter, proceeded to their organization. The term of service of one of the members of this Board having expired, the Board recommend the names of two persons as candidates for this office. This Synod has already elected one of these persons to fill that place.

From the report of the Treasurer of Synod, as presented to this Board, it appears that the sum of $441,36 is still due the Contingent Fund from various Classes within the bounds of this Synod. If this sum would be promptly paid, as it ought

to be, the Treasury would be free of debt and would have a surplus.

In view of this delinquency of the Classes, your committee would recommend the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the delinquent Classes be directed to make arrangements, at their next annual meetings, to pay the amounts still due.

This Board brings to the notice of this Synod what they believe to be an error in the manner in which the title to the Mansion House has been made out. This title, instead of being partly vested in the Synod, is wholly vested in the Firm of M. Kieffer & Co. The Board expresses its belief that there was no intention on the part of any persons connected with this transaction, to do anything whereby the interests of Synod would be jeopardized or lost, but on the other hand, that all was done in good faith as for the best interests of the Church. Still they fear that the arrangement is not a safe one for Synod, and before taking any further action upon the subject, they respectfully ask further instructions from this body.

Your committee, believing that the Board of Trustees, in connection with the Firm of M. Kieffer & Co., are fully able, in accordance with the directions already given, to adjust this difficulty, would respectfully recommend the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That this Synod direct the attention of the Board of Trustees to the resolution adopted at Harrisburg, as an expression of her present views on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL H. RIED, *Chairman.*

The Rev. Samuel Mease asked permission to present the claims of the English mission at Cincinnati, Ohio, before Synod. His request was granted, and the claims of the mission were accordingly presented. The following resolution was then adopted:

Resolved, That we have listened with interest to the statements of the Rev. Samuel Mease, in regard to his church in Cincinnati, and warmly commend it to the kind and liberal consideration of our congregations and members.

The committee to propose the further action necessary to complete the action of Synod, proposing such alterations of the Constitution, as are necessary to provide for the creating of a Triennial General Synod of the whole Church, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

The committee appointed to propose such action as may be necessary to carry out the objects aimed at in the proposed

amendments of the Constitution, submit the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That the proposed amendments to the Constitution be sent down to the several Classes for their rejection or adoption.

Resolved, That the committee on the creation of a Triennial General Synod of the whole Church, appointed by the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, be requested to submit the proposed amendments of the Constitution to their Synod, and endeavor to secure its cooperation in carrying out the objects aimed at in them.

Resolved, That, in case the proposed amendments of the Constitution be adopted by two thirds of the Classes of each of the two Synods, the first meeting of the proposed Triennial General Synod shall be held at such time and place as shall be agreed upon by joint committees appointed for this purpose by the two Synods.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIAS HEINER, *Chairman.*

The Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, submitted their report, which was received, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

REVERED FATHERS: BELOVED BRETHREN IN THE LORD:—It is the first of all our duty to give thanks unto God, the Giver of life, for His great mercy towards us: that, though at best we are unprofitable servants, His patience and long suffering has spared us still to engage in the holy work of His kingdom on earth, in the ministry of reconciliation, through Christ. Let us humbly acknowledge our own imperfections and shortcomings, and devoutly adore the goodness of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

But we have received at least one admonition warning us to be faithful: that time will inevitably come, when we must give an account of our stewardship to Him, before whom the secrets of the heart are revealed. Our Reverend Father, John A. Strassburger, closed his eyes upon the scene of his labors, May 2, 1860. As the faded leaf of autumn rustles softly to the earth, so from the impulse of nature his body sunk into the grave with the crown of honor upon his head: and after he had labored for thirty-six years and three months in the Church militant, he has now gone to enjoy the bliss of the Church triumphant. Peace be to his ashes on earth; the felicity of the saints of God to his soul in heaven.

But let us, who yet survive, pay earnest heed to this renewed admonition, and return to our labors with increased zeal, dili-

gence and faithfulness. In the grave, whither all are going, there is no work nor device. The work which God has assigned to each of us personally, if undone at this point, will for us remain undone forever. And if God should after us raise up others more diligent and faithful, theirs will be the honor; ours the shame. Better wear out in the furrow than rust out upon the plain.

The tone of the documents put into the hands of your Committee are generally cheerful and hopeful. They are conscious of no weight to oppress; of no tornado approaching to destroy. Let not us then, the representatives of the entire Church East, brood over the future; but unite with the voices of all these reports and say to each other, say to the whole Church that is looking expectantly towards us: Brethren, be joyful, be glad in the Lord our strength. Our Church is evidently moving onward; we believe, too, upward. Whilst its channel is becoming wider, its current is also becoming deeper. Whilst it is growing ever more anxious to lengthen its cords, it has not forgotten to strengthen its stakes.

A most pleasing and encouraging feature of all these reports is the oneness of which they speak, and of which their tone gives evidence. As regards our people, only three or four congregations are reported within the entire bounds of the Synod as troubled with dissensions. As a general thing, then, our congregations enjoy peace and harmony. May they ever continue thus. This general harmonious condition seems also to prevail among the ministry. We have before us reports from all sections of our synodical bounds; and yet to a remarkable degree, they breathe the same spirit, discuss the same topics, speak the same language, express the same hopes, and desire the accomplishment of the same ends. We could almost say, that our Church is in the main a unit. We would not, indeed, hide the fact, that there are among us varying shades of opinion and diversities of practice. But we are not certain whether this is a fact that needs to be hidden; or a state that we should be ashamed of. The garden of our Lord has room for an infinite variety of flowers. Whether they be beautiful without fragrance, or fragrant without beauty; whether they be gorgeous to demand our admiration, or simple and unpretending to win our love; let us suffer them to grow side by side of each other, a beautiful sisterhood of Christian graces and perfections: only taking care, by our synodical actions, that excesses be avoided, and that the one usurp not the place of the other; that so the beautiful world of grace created by God in Christ Jesus be not marred by distortions, montrosities or defects. To accomplish this purpose more and more, let us still further cultivate that lovely spirit, which has been exemplified among us so often and so generally: the spirit of charity, for-

bearance and courtesy. Let us deeply feel it and declare it: We are brethren.

The reports speak much of the baptism of children, of the high estimation in which it is held, and the almost universal habit of employing it for the introduction of our infants into the Church. But they do not speak of it as a magical form; which, once pronounced, will save its subjects whether willing or unwilling, whether subsequent conditions be favorable or adverse. It is indeed the sign and seal of divine grace; but this grace must be forwarded to its end by means and instrumentalities which are the same in character with itself, or all will be lost at last. If it does implant the germ of a higher order of life, this germ must be carefully guarded, fostered and nurtured; that so it may become a tree, and the tree bring forth fruit to the glory of God and his Christ. For this reason the reports insist so unanimously upon parental training. The "Church in the family" is deeply rooted in our consciousness, and will in the end effect its legitimate results. For this reason, our pastors are generally faithful catechists. For this reason, too, they support the Sunday school as the Church of the young. And hence, too, they employ discipline to correct offenders; and, if need be, cut off the member.

The spirit of benevolence, according to these reports, is steadily increasing. Of princely munificence, indeed, no single case is reported: but this, perhaps, for the simple reason that there are no princes among us. Much in this respect is left to be done, as all the reports admit, and as we all lament. The institutions of the Church and its benevolent enterprizes are not supported with that openhanded liberality which we have reason to expect. But even here an improvement is supposed to have taken place, and we have no reason to despair. Only let us not despise small things. The ten thousand little rills which trickle from the rocks and murmur along the valleys, form the mighty rivers which replenish the ocean. If the widow's mite is of little value in the eyes of men, it is priceless in the sight of God, and will purchase countless divine blessings.

Making all proper allowance, however, we must nevertheless acknowledge that we are not a liberal people. This is perhaps the principal defect in our religious life, a defect which we ought to employ the most strenuous efforts to correct. Wealth does not result from accumulation, but from exchange. We must cast away the seed, if we would reap the harvest. The ocean must send up its incessant streams of vapor, if it would be replenished by the mighty rivers. But this very replenishing would be a misfortune, if it did not return its abundance to the source. So also the very blessings of heaven

will become a curse, if we do not by our benevolence return them to the Giver.

Respectfully submitted,

E W. REINECKE, *Chairman.*

The Rev. Samuel Mease, delegate from the German Reformed Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, made some remarks bearing upon the relations subsisting between the two Synods, the kind sentiments of which, were cordially responded to by the President.

The committee on the English Liturgy submitted their final report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

The committee on the Provisional Liturgy for the use of the German Reformed Church in the United States, think it due to themselves and to Synod, to submit the following statement in regard to the publication of said Liturgy:

The committee, with the view to secure the proper publication of their work, and to secure Synod from any pecuniary responsibility for the same, as well as for the necessary travelling and other expenses incurred by the committee during the five or six years of their labors, made an agreement with Messrs. Lindsay & Blakiston, dated June 19, 1857, for a period of ten years, by which said Lindsay & Blakiston assumed the whole expense and risk of publication in the manner and style desired and directed by the committee, and promised the committee the usual American copy money, namely ten per cent. of the retail price, or ten cents for every copy sold, the retail price of the copy in plain sheep binding being one dollar. They also secured from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania a certificate of the copy right of the provisional Liturgy, under the name and title of "the Rev. Philip Schaff, chairman of the committee for publishing the Liturgy of the German Reformed Church."

In accordance with this contract, the Provisional Liturgy was published in October, 1857. About three thousand copies have been sold to date, from which the committee received from Messrs. Lindsay & Blakiston $206,74 copy money, after a deduction of $56,00 for corrections made on the plates. The whole expense of the committee was set down at a low estimate by a meeting of the committee held at Harrisburg in Oct, 1859, at $269,50, including $60,00 voted to the chairman for the purchase of the necessary liturgical works, with the direction to deposite them in the Theological Library of the Seminary. The chairman is willing to yield this claim of $60, and to convert it into an individual donation to the Seminary Library. By this deduction the expenses of the committee are nearly paid, and the claim for the remaining balance is herewith dismissed.

The committee now take pleasure to commit the certificate of copy right, with all its advantages, and also the articles of agreement with Messrs. Lindsay & Blakiston, to the hands of Synod, and beg leave to be finally discharged from all further responsibility.

Very respectfully,

PHILIP SCHAFF,

Chairman of the Committee on the Liturgy.

Lebanon, Pa., Oct. 24, 1860.

The documents accompanying the foregoing report, were directed to be placed into the hands of the Trustees of the Synod.

The committee to correspond with the Pastoral Conference of Switzerland, and the Reformed Conference of Germany, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee to correspond with the Reformed Conference of Germany, and the Pastoral Conference of Switzerland, respectfully report:

That they have not yet received any information from the Reformed Conference of Germany, in regard to the reception of the letter of salutation addressed to it in the name of the Synod.

They have also not received any official information from the Pastoral Conference of Switzerland in regard to the letter addressed to them. The proceedings of the meeting of this reverend body held on the 17th and 18th of August, 1858, in Aarau, Canton of Argau, were, however, sent to the chairman of your committee, but without any indication of the source from which they came. From these proceedings on page 20, it appears that our letter of salutation was handed to the President after the discussions of the Conference had closed, and that consequently it could not be read before the Conference and discussed. An extensive extract from the letter, however, is incorporated in the proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. KESSLER, *Chairman.*

Allentown, Pa., Oct. 19, 1860.

The committee, appointed to report a minute relative to the subject on which the Synod was addressed by the Rev. Gustavus Mellin, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

The committee appointed to prepare a minute in regard to the address of the Rev. G. W. Mellin, of Berlin, Prussia, beg leave to report, that Synod listened with pleasure to the interesting statements he made, in regard to his recent travels in

Great Britain and America, and that we heartily reciprocate the sentiments of Christian regard and fraternal feeling which he expressed.

Respectfully submitted,

N. GEHR, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Finance submitted their report. The report was received, and, after some discussion, was recommitted for amendment.

The committee, to whom was referred the difficulties existing between the Classes of East Pennsylvania and Goshenhoppen, in regard to the boundary line between them, submitted the following report:

The committee, to whom was referred the request of the Goshenhoppen Classis to change the boundary line between them and the East Pennsylvania Classis, together with the letter of the Rev. D. Y. Heisler on this subject, beg leave to present the following report:

From the documents in our possession, and the statements of the delegates of both these Classes, we learn that the matter in dispute is the Lower Saucon congregation. This church, in connection with seven other congregations, is served by the Rev. A. J. G. Dubs. The Goshenhoppen Classis contends that this congregation "properly belongs" to them, and have therefore steadily refused to acknowledge the claims of the East Pennsylvania Classis, and to comply with the provisions of the Constitution (See Art. 2, Sec. 2): "An existing Classis cannot be dissolved, nor any part of it united with another, without its own consent." That the Lower Saucon congregation is a part of the Classis of East Pennsylvania, and under its jurisdiction, is too plain to admit of any controversy whatever. The Goshenhoppen Classis was organized by Synod at its sessions in Reading, in 1841. The boundary line was then most clearly defined by mentioning all the charges which were to be included in the newly organized Classis. The Lower Saucon congregation formed no part of any of these charges. It was at that time, and had been for years before, part of the charge of the Rev. J. C. Becker, D. D., and continued to be served by him until his death in 1858. Since then it has been taken under the pastoral care of the Rev. A. J. G. Dubs, a member of the Goshenhoppen Classis, without asking the consent of the Classis to which it properly belonged by the action of Synod itself. Your committee regard the course pursued by the Goshenhoppen Classis in reference to that congregation as wholly indefensible, both on Scriptural and constitutional grounds. Had the golden rule been adhered to, "*As ye would that others should do to you, do ye even so to them,*" there could be no

such difficulties as we are now called upon to adjust, and the request to change the boundary line of that Classis would not be before this Synod. It is much to be regretted, that the resolution of our last Synod was not carried out, and an end put to difficulties between brethren who ought to be at peace and harmony with each other:

"*Resolved*, That this subject be referred to the Classis of Goshenhoppen, and that this Classis be directed to take measures to have the existing difficulties adjusted as soon as possible."

Your committee, after carefully examining the whole subject, and giving the statements on both sides a patient consideration, feel constrained by every principle of justice to offer the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That, *under existing circumstances*, this Synod cannot grant the request of the Goshenhoppen Classis to change their boundary line.

Resolved, That it be enjoined upon the Goshenhoppen Classis to call a special meeting, and that they be instructed to adjust their difficulties with the East Pennsylvania Classis, by vacating the Lower Saucon congregation at once, unless a satisfactory arrangement can be made with that Classis for its supply by the brother now preaching there.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. FOULK, *Chairman.*

The report was received and taken up item by item. After considerable discussion, it was

Resolved, That this whole subject be referred to the Classes of East Pennsylvania and Goshenhoppen, and that they be requested to adjust the difficulties among themselves by agreeing upon some definite boundary line.

The committee, appointed to visit the First German Reformed church of Reading, Pa., submitted their report, which was received, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

The committee appointed by the Synod at Harrisburg, to visit the First German Reformed church at Reading, Pa., with a view to prevail on them to help the Second church, of the same place, out of their difficulties, and transfer to them the sum of $2,500, report—

That they, immediately after the adjournment of Synod, attended to the duty assigned them, and accordingly held a meeting in the basement of the First church. There were but few members of the church present, and the most of these did not tarry long. The committee, however, did all they *could to secure* the object of their appointment; but, alas!

without attaining the desired result. Still, those present offered to appoint a committee to collect subscriptions in their midst in aid of the Second church, which was done. What the result was, is unknown to your committee.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS H. LEINBACH, *Chairman.*

A communication was reported in this connection from the Rev. Charles F. McCauley, pastor of the Second German Reformed church at Reading, in regard to the monies collected for said church in the Church at large, and the execution of a mortgage to Synod for the amount, after deducting his expenses incurred in collecting it. It was

Resolved, That this matter be referred to the Trustees of Synod, with authority to receive such a mortgage.

The Classes, delinquent in the matter of the $17,000 fund, were called upon for statements in regard to what has been done for the payment of the balances due. These statements were presented by the delegates of those Classes, after which it was

Revolved, That this Synod has heard with pleasure, that the several Classes have made arrangements for the payment of the balances due by them.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod returns its sincere thanks to the citizens of Lebanon and vicinity for the very kind hospitality which they have extended to its members during its present sessions, and that the pastors loci, be requested to read this resolution from their respective pulpits.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Finance would respectfully beg leave to report—

That, in accordance with the instruction of Synod, the Committee made the following assessment on the several Classes to meet the expenses of Synod now due, amounting to nearly $300,00, as appears from the report of the Treasurer of Synod, and those that may be incurred during the coming year for the printing of the Minutes of Synod, presuming them to be the same as during the past:

		New.	Old.	Total.
East Pennsylvania	Classis,	$80,00	$120,00	$200,00
West Susquehanna	"	40,00		40,00
East "	"	40,00	7,50	47,50
Lebanon	"	68,00	2,50	70,50
Lancaster	"	60,00	45,00	105,00
Zions	"	75,00	15,00	90,00
Maryland	"	80,00		80,00
Philadelphia	"	55,00	134,96	189,96
Virginia	"	27,00	20,00	47,00
Mercersburg	"	80,00		80,00
Goshenhoppen	"	55,00	50,40	105,40
New York	"	14,00		14,00
Clarion	"	27,00		27,00
St. Paul's	"	20,00		20,00

Respectfully submitted,

I. G. BROWN, *Chairman.*

The committee, appointed to ascertain the expenses incurred in the preparation and publication of the "Child's Catechism," submitted their report. It was received and adopted, and is as follows:

The committee, appointed to make provision for refunding the expenses of the committee on the "Child's Catechism," report—

That they have gathered all the information they could, and find that they require $6,60, in connection with $14,00 due to M. Kieffer & Co., for printing specimen copies.

The committee recommend that an order be drawn on Synod's Treasurer for the amount, making in all $20,60.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY F. HARTMAN, *Chairman.*

The report of the committee on the discrepancies between the Constitution and the new Liturgy, which had been laid on the table, was taken up. After considerable discussion, the following resolutions were substituted in the place of the report, and adopted:

Resolved, That the Provisional Liturgy be submitted to the several Classes of this Synod for their examination, and that they report their views upon the same to the next meeting of Synod.

Resolved, That, in the mean time, the attention of the ministers of this Synod be directed to the Constitutional requirements in the administratson of Baptism and Confirmation.

The report of the committee on the translation of the Liturgy into the German language, which had been laid on the table until the foregoing action should be had, was taken up. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the committee on the German Liturgy be authorized to publish the translation they have prepared, and issue it in a provisional form among the German churches, with the understanding that this Synod be not held responsible for the expenses attending its publication.

The committee appointed by the last Synod to prepare a Tricentennial edition of the Heidelberg Catechism, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee appointed by the Synod of Harrisburg to prepare a Tricentennial Catechism beg leave to report progress.

Synod has provided that the necessary expenses of the committee be defrayed from the proceeds accruing from the publication of the work. The work, however, can not be published before the year 1863; and it is very doubtful whether these proceeds will do more than meet the expenses of publication. There is accordingly no provision made for the current expenses of the committee. The oldest editions of the Catechism in German and Latin, and other valuable resources, must be purchased. The committee must meet, perhaps frequently, in general session to prepare this work. We therefore request Synod to authorize its Treasurer to pay these necessary current expenses, the bills to be previously approved by the Trustees of Synod. Any books it may be necessary to purchase the committee will place in the Library of the Theological Seminary.

Respectfully submitted,
E. V. GERHART, *Chairman.*

Dr. Lewis H. Steiner was added to this committee.

The report of the committee appointed by the last Synod to make arrangements for the Tricentennial celebration of the Heidelberg Catechism, which had been laid on the table, was taken up. The report was amended. It was then

Resolved, That the general plan proposed by the committee be accepted, and that the committee be instructed to carry out the several measures proposed.

The report, as amended, is as follows:

The committee appointed at the last annual Synod to take preparatory steps towards a proper celebration of the third centennial of the formation and adoption of the Heidelberg Catechism, in 1863, report,

That they have had the matter committed to them under earnest consideration, and have come to the following conclusions in regard to it, which they respectfully present to the consideration of Synod:

1. Your committee believe that it is highly proper that the Church should suitably commemorate that great historical event.

2. That a convention of the whole Church should be held at some central place on the 19th of January, 1863, to be continued during as many days as Synod may determine.

3. On this occasion Memoirs and Essays, prepared by persons previously appointed, should be read on subjects historically and theologically connected with the occasion, each one to be followed by a free discussion on the part of any or all present—which discussion should be carefully reported; all of which may be collected, if it is thought proper, and published as a monumental volume.

4. The whole celebration should also be turned to a practical account for the Church, by affording to every member of the Church, old and young, rich and poor, an opportunity to make a free-will offering to the Church. Synod should make arrangements, through the Classes, consistories, pastors, and parents, to bring clearly before every member, baptized and confirmed, the ground on which such an offering is regarded as proper on their part. The whole year should be allowed to the members to prepare their offerings. These free-will offerings should be gathered by each congregation previous to the meeting of Synod in October and then presented, with the names and sums of each donor. The result should be recorded in a book prepared for that purpose, to be preserved in the archives of the Church.

5. The Synod in October, 1863, should be a general Synod of the whole Church. At its meeting the centennial occasion should be solemnly closed by appropriate services, and the amount contributed disposed of to the different benevolent objects and institutions of the Church in such proportion as Synod would regard wise and proper.

6. Your committee submit the following list of subjects as proper to be handled in the way already indicated on that occasion.

1.) The city of Heidelberg.

2.) The authors of the Heidelberg Catechism.

3.) The Elector Frederick the III.

4.) The History of catechization in the Reformed Church, and its best practical use at the present time.

5.) The confessional relations of the Heidelberg Catechism.

6.) Melanchthon, and the Melanchthonian tendency in Germany.

7.) The Theological System in which the Heidelberg Catechism rests, the theory of practical religion which it assumes, and the kind of religious life which it cultivates.

8.) The fortunes of the Heidelberg Catechism in this country.

9.) Swiss Reformers.

7. The committee suggests to Synod, whether measures should not be taken to secure the consent of some theologians in Germany to furnish Essays on some of these subjects.

8. Synod should take immediate measures to collect in Germany, as far as possible, for the use of such persons as it may appoint to prepare these papers, the literature by which they would be enabled to prepare their work from adequate and reliable sources. Such collection should afterwards be placed in the Library of the Theological Seminary.

9. Finally, your committee would call the attention of Synod to the fact, that the Western Synod has taken action which proposes a full cöoperation with this Synod in the object in view, and suggests to Synod the propriety of adopting such measures as will complete a full union of both Synods in this movement.

Respectfully submitted,
H. HARBAUGH, *Chairman.*

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the several Rail Road companies, which have afforded its members a reduction of fare in travelling from and to the place of meeting.

Resolved, That the statistical table furnished by each Classis be increased, by adding a column in which the average number of scholars attending the several Sabbath schools in each charge shall be enumerated.

The committee appointed to collect the assessment for the payment of the sexton, submitted the following report:

The committee appointed to collect an assessment of twenty-five cents from each member of Synod, for remunerating the sexton for his services, report,

That they have collected the sum of fifteen dollars and a half.

Respectfully submitted,
J. O. MILLER.

The report was received and adopted, and the committee instructed to pay the amount *over to the* sexton.

The former action of the Synod fixing the time for holding the next annual meeting of Synod, was reconsidered. It was then

Resolved, That the next annual meeting of Synod be held on the last Wednesday evening in September, 1861, at half past seven o'clock.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have 3,000 copies of the Proceedings of this Synod, duly authenticated, published in the English language, and 2,000 copies in the German language, and distributed amongst those entitled to receive them.

The roll was called, and none were found absent without permission.

The minutes were read and adopted, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Synod then adjourned, and was dismissed with prayer and the apostolic benediction by the President.

J. W. NEVIN, *President.*

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original Minutes,

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

Ministers.	Congreg.	Congregations or Charges.	Members	Unc. Me.	Baptized.	By Confi	By Certi.	Commun.	Excomm.	Dismiss.	Deaths.	S. School.	Post Office Addresses.
C. G. Herman,	6	Kutztown, &c ,	1500	1550	114	54		770			45	10	Maxatany, Berks county, Pa.
Joseph S. Dubs,	5	Allentown, &c.,	2100	2125	147	109		1802			84	14	North White Hall, Lehigh co. do
John Zülich,	5	Jacob's &c.,	1000	850	110	51		607			65	15	Stinesville, do do
William A. Helfrich,	8	Ziegel, &c.,	1500	1550	164	108		1803	3		56	8	Fogelsville, do do
J. S. Herman,	8	Coxtown, &c.,	1400	1450	150	100	5	1550			60	10	Kutztown. Berks county, do
Charles Becker,	7	Chesnut Hill, &c.,	*500	420	115	37		300			56	9	Fennersville, Monroe county, do
C. G. Eichenberg,	7	Weisport, &c.,	*615	830	175	41		350			45	5	Weisport, Carbon do do
Cyrus J. Becker,	3	Catasaqua, &c.,	550	600	90	20	5	500			25	4	White Hall, Lehigh do do
Alfred J. Herman,	5	Jerusalem, &c.,	750	600	125	60		640			20	6	Maxatany, Berks do do
D. F. Brendle,	5	Farmersville, &c.,	695	800	67	38		510			23	5	Bethlehem, Northampton co., do
Isaac K. Loos,	4	Mount Bethel, &c.,	750	600	110	44		500	15	5	39	8	Richmond, do do do
John Beck,	1	Easton,	580	500	45	36		500	3	2	19	1	Easton, do do do
Joshua H. Derr,	1	Allentown,	450	300	37	9		250		3	29	1	Allentown, Lehigh county, do
Levi K. Derr,	2	Tamaqua, &c.,	400	500	59	16		277	1	8	74	2	Tamaqua, Schuylkill do do
E. W. Reinecke,	3	Bethlehem, &c.,	780	785	81	36		636			27	5	Bethlehem, Northampton do do
Daniel Y. Heisler,	3	Plainfield, &c.,	620	600	42	32	22	503		1	27	2	Nazareth, do do do
F. Strassner,	3	Wilkesbarre, &c.,	124	150	61	15	5	124		4	3	3	Wilkesbarre, Luzerne do do
John Gantenbein,	6	Kreidersville, &c.,	1200	1250	30	110		900			18	6	Kreidersville, Northamp. do do
John W. Lescher,		(Teacher,)											Easton, do do do
W. R. Hofford,		do Licentiate,											Allentown, Lehigh do do
George B. Dechant,‡	4	Hamilton, &c.,	150	100	10			150			10	2	Stroudsburg, Monroe do do
John Henry Dubs,†	4	South Whitehall, &c.,	400	450	63	51		295			42	5	Allentown, Lehigh do do
Vacant,	1	Lower Saucon,	450	400	25	25		350			20	1	

* Modified upon the baisis of last year's report. † Assistant in Allentown. ‡ Lately taken charge.

CLASSIS OF LEBANON.

Ministers.	Congreg'ns.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Uncon. Mem.	Baptized.	By Confir.	By Certificate	Communic's.	Excom'ted.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	Post Office Addresses.
Philip Mayer,		Without charge,											Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, Pa.
John Gring,	4	Fredericksburg charge,	400		50			340			13	5	Fredericksburg, Lebanon do do
Thomas H. Leinbach,	7	Tulpenhocken do	1400		141	62		1000			40	8	Meyerstown, do do do
Isaac Miese,	5	Bern do	1200	984	102	44		1000			41	10	Lower Bern, Berks do do
Augustus L. Herman,	9	Hamburg do	1096		250	109		1096			46	12	Reading, do do do
Franklin W. Kremer,	2	Lebanon do	900	800	84	46	16	550		16	26	2	Lebanon, Lebanon do do
Aaron S. Leinbach,	2	First church of Reading, &c.,	1050		171	93		950			85	3	Reading, Berks do do
Henry Wagner,	4	Orwigsburg charge,	259		44	20		252			25	5	Orwigsburg, Schuylkill do do
Jacob D. Zehring,	6	Host do	1215	920	150	71		835			56	11	Bernville, Berks do do
Abraham Romich,	3	Jonestown do	304	364	44	13		210			9	3	Jonestown, Lebanon do do
William A. Good,	3	Bernville do	300		28	29		300			3	6	Reading, Berks do do
Jacob Klein,	5	Minersville do	750	852	167	44		674			40	8	Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill co., do
Jonathan E. Hiester,	5	Palmyra do	400	275	35	25		315			16	4	Annville, Lebanon co., do
Charles F. McCauley,	1	Second church of Reading,	200		15	41	4	190		3	13	2	Reading, Berks do do
Joseph H. Apple,	1	Emanuel's charge,	75		7	7		50			3	1	Hamburg, do do do
Samuel Miller,	5	Pottsville do	300		13	12	18	200			7	4	Pottsville, Schuylkill do do
Thomas C. Leinbach,		Assistant of his Father,											Meyerstown, Lebanon do do
George R. Zacharias,		Licentiate,											Reading, Berks do do
Vacant,		Tremont charge,											

CLASSIS OF ZION.

Ministers.	Cong.	Congregations or Charges.	Memb.	Un. Me	Bapt.	Confir.	Certif.	Com'ts.	Dismi.	Excom	Deaths	S. Sch.	Post Office Addresses.	
Daniel Ziegler,	5	Creutz creek charge,	630	425	82	28	2	585			29	6	York, York county,	Pa.
Jacob Sechler,	4	Littlestown, do	470	300	60	18		400			46	5	Littlestown, Adams county,	do
Frederick W. Vandersloot,	5	Windsor charge,	340	200	55	30		300			17	3	York,	do
Daniel Riegle,	5	Dillsburg charge,	350	200				347				4	Dillsburg, York do	do
Amos H. Kremer,	1	Carlisle,	330	200	14		5	223	3		7	1	Carlisle,	do
George Leidy,		Without charge,											do	do
Jacob Ziegler,	4	Conowago,	305	200	33	32	5	295	5		24	4	Gettysburg,	do
William C. Bennet,		Without charge,											Boiling Springs, Cumberland co	do
Samuel Kuhn,	6	Bloomfield,	330	200	27	13	16	315			1	5	Bloomfield, Perry county,	do
David Bossler,	5	Quickel's, &c.,	200	100	13			119			21	3	York,	do
Emanuel H. Hoffheins,	5	Abbottstown,	530	350	48	16	20	500	3		26	6	Abbottstown,	do
Jacob O. Miller,	1	York (English)	400		34	37	8	275	6			2	York,	do
Daniel Gring,	6	Shrewsbury,	441	300	42	18		415			15	6	Shrewsbury,	do
Julius Kurtz,	4	Emanuel's,	450	400	58	43	2	440			16	3	Hanover,	do
T. P. Bucher,	3	Gettysburg,	450	500	45	52	26	404			13	1	Gettysburg,	do
W. M. Reily,		Licentiate,												
W. K. Zieber,	2	Hanover,	500	400	48	36	4	450	3		24	2	Hanover,	do
J. M. Mickly,	2	Zions,	286		18	1		262	5		1	5	Ickesburg, Perry county,	do
A. R. Kremer,	4	Mechanicsburg,	187	102	6	7	6	125	2		2	2	Mechanicsburg, Cumb. co.,	do
George E. Adams,	2	Sulpher Spring,	155	175				140				3	Carlisle,	do
Henry Mosser,	4	Landisburg,	708	800				635				10	Landisburg,	do
Vacant,	4	Newville,	190	125				120				1	Newville,	do
do	1	York, (German)*	250	300		26	4	155						
do	2	Holtzschwam and Pigeon Hill,†												
do	1	Bartholomew,‡												

* Supplied by Rev. D. Ziegler. † Supplied by E. H. Hoffheins. ‡ By J. Sechler.

CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

Ministers.	Cong.	Congregations or Charges.	Mem.	U. M.	Bapt.	Conf.	Certi.	Com.	Exco.	Dism.	Dea.	S. Sc.	Post Office Addresses.	
Elias Heiner, D. D.,	1	First church, Baltimore,	325	260	16	12		325			10	2	Baltimore,	Md.
Vacant,	1	Second do do											do.	do
John S. Foulk,	1	Third do do	225	152	13	12	8	198		4	7	1	do.	do
John Kuelling,	1	Fourth do do	470	265	125	37	36	380			29	1	do.	do
Daniel Zacharias, D. D.,	1	Frederick city,	449	570	56	25	7	410		6	40	2	Frederick city,	do
George W. Glessner,	1	Middletown,	444	378	37	10		389		2	6	4	Middletown, Frederick co.	do
Samuel H. Giesy,	2	Hagerstown and Salem,	216	200	18	4	4	190		3	9	1	Hagerstown, Washington co.	do
Mortimer L. Shuford,	3	Mount Moriah,	168	100	34	7	2	146		2	6	2	Sharpsburg, do.	do
Henry Wissler,	6	Manchester,	628	560	53	50		514		4	20	6	Manchester, Carroll do	do
Walter E. Krebs,	2	Emmittsburg,	287	200	14	26	2	249		4	11	2	Emmittsburg, Frederick do	do
Joseph W. Santee,	4	Cavetown,	398	190	28	23	4	360			9	3	Cavetown, Washington do	do
William F. Colliflower,	3	Jefferson,	329	316	16	17	1	300			5	4	Jefferson, Frederick do	do
Moses A. Stewart,	1	Burkettsville,	100	80	4	3	2	85		8	2	1	Burkettsville, do. do	do
	1	Silver Run,*	350	620	25	32		215			11		Silver Run, Carroll co.	do
Charles Cast,	1	Second church, Hagerstown,	126	140	12	5		100		3	5	1	Hagerstown, Washington co.	do
P. A. Schwartz,	1	St. John's church, Frederick,	160					150					Frederick city,	do
Lewis A. Brunner,	2	Boonsboro,	140		15	1	6	120			8		Boonsboro, Washington co.	do
Jesse Steiner,	4	Glade,	384	400	52	18	1	373		1	6	2	Walkersville, Frederick co.	do
Vacant,	1	Fifth church, Baltimore,	225					225					Baltimore.	do
Henry I. Comfort,	4	Mechanicstown,	240	170	40	10	3	185		5	13	1	Mechanicstown, Frederick co.	do
John G. Fritchey,	5	Taneytown,	375	300	41	6	5	320		5	3	5	Taneytown, Carroll co.	do
Benjamin Schneider, D. D.		Foreign Missonary,											Aintab, Syria.	
	2	Clearspring,†	182	175	8	5	4	125		1		1	Clearspring, Washington co.	do
Frederick A. Herzberger,		Suspended.											Baltimore,	do
Robert Douglas,		Without charge,											Shepherdstown, Jefferson co.	Va.
William H. Zimmerman,		do do											Frederick city,	Md.
George L. Staley,		Mt. Washington F. College,											Mt. Washington, Baltimore co.	do
Charles Jaekel,		Licentiate,											Baltimore city,	do

CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

Ministers.	Congreg.	Congregations or Charges.	Memb's.	U. Mem.	Baptisms	Confirm.	Certif.	Comm'ts.	Excom.	Dismiss.	Deaths.	Sab. Sch.	Post Office Addresses.	
John C. Hensell,	5	Rockingham,	257		15			200			6	4	Mt. Crawford,	Va.
Daniel Feete,	3	Woodstock,	190		15	15		190		3	3	5	Woodstock,	do
Daniel G. Bragonier,	2	Martinsburg,	137		25	7		137		4		1	Edenburg,	do
George H. Martin,	1	Loudon,	110		10	7		110			1	1	Lovettsville,	do
Henry St. John Rinker,	4	Mill Creek,	255		26	33		255			3	3	Hamburg,	do
John H. Crawford,	3	Middlebrook,	158		16			158		1	6	1	Middlebrook,	do
George W. Aughinbaugh,	2	Central,	43		4	2	2	43		1	1	1	Orkney Springs,	do
J. M. Titzel,	2	Shepherdstown and Winchester,	145		4	4		135		2		2	Shepherdstown,	do
Charles Cast,	1	Martinsburg, (German,)	112		24	8	10			12	4	1	Hagerstown, Md.	
Vacant,		Pendleton,												
do		Central,												

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Ministers.	Cong'n.	Congregations or Charges.	Memb.	U. Mem.	Baptiz.	Confir.	Certif.	Comm.	Dismiss.	Excom.	Deaths.	Sab. Sch.	Post Office Addresses.	
George Boger,		No charge,											Klutt's Tanyard,	N. C.
John Lantz,	3	Newton,	157					157					Newton,	do
David Crooks,	2	Lincolnton,	154					154					Lincolnton,	do
G. William Welker,	3	Guilford,	305					305					Brick Church,	do
Jeremiah Ingold,	3	Catawba,	99					99					Lincolnton,	do
Thornton Butler,	3	East Rowan,	280					280					Gold Hill,	do
Samuel J. Fetzer,	2	West Rowan,	262					262					Eufaula,	do
P. Allison Long,	3	Davidson,	312					312					Midway,	do

Vacant: **Newton; Friendship 24 members; Stoner's, 40 members.**

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Ministers.	Congregat.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Unc. Mem.	Baptized.	By Confir.	By Certifs.	Communic.	Excommu.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Post Office Addresses.
Samuel Helfenstein, D. D.,		No charge.											Gwynedd, Montgomery co., Pa.
Samuel Helfenstein, Jr.,		do											Blue Bell, do do do
John S. Ermentrout,		do											Reading, do
Charles Lukens,		do											Frankford, Philadelphia do do
George D. Wolff,		do											Norristown, Montgomery co., do
Charles W. Schultz,		do											
John R. Kooken,		do											Trinidad, Cuba.
E. M. Long,		do											Norristown, Montgomery co., do
John H. A. Bomberger, D. D.,	1	Philadelphia,	305		11	15	34	267		4	12	4	Philadelphia, do
Nicholas Gehr,	1	Zions,	500	200	146	21	41	480		27	35	1	Kensington, Philadelphia co., do
J. G. Wiehle,	1	Salem,	774					772					Philadelphia, do
Samuel G. Wagner,	2	Böhms,	166		3	10	5	166		3	2	1	Blue Bell, Montgomery co., do
Jesse B. Knipe,	3	Pikeland,	150		30	14		150				3	Chester Springs, Chester co., do
Alfred B. Shenkle,	3	Trappe,	460		19	23		325			5	3	Trappe, Montgomery do do
William Sorber,	4	Brownbacks,	300		25	35		166			6	4	East Vincent, Chester do do
N. S. Aller,	2	Pleasantville,	226			11		226			2	2	Pleasantville, Bucks do do
do. do. supply,	1	St. Peters,	61					61				1	
William G. Hackman,	1	Wentz',										1	
Samuel G. Wagner, supply,	1	Whitemarsh,	106		3	2		82				1	
Jesse B. Knipe, do	1	West Vincent,	111					111					
P. Seibert Davis,	1	Norristown,	150		11	10	8	120			2	1	Norristown, do
G. E. Gramm,	1	Bethlehem,	281	290	41	22	15	279			14	2	Kensington, do

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

Ministers.	Cong.	Congregations or Charges.	Memb.	Un. M.	Bapt.	Confir.	Certif.	Comm	Dism.	Excom	Deaths	S. Sch.	Post Office Addresses.
Philip Schaff, D. D.,		Professor in Theological Seminary,											Mercersburg, Franklin county, Pa.
Bernard C. Wolff, D. D.,		do do do											do do do do
Samuel R. Fisher, D. D.,		Editor of the Ger. Ref. Messenger,											Chambersburg, do do do
Benjamin Bausman,		do do do											do do do do
Benjamin S. Schneck, D. D.,	1	2nd church, (St. John's,) Chamb'g,	60	98	5	6	8	60	2	1	2		do do do do
John Rebaugh,	1	Middleburg charge,	100	200	15	6	3	90	3	1	4	2	Greencastle, do do do
Samuel Philips,	1	Chambersburg do	361	395	24	30	14	327	8		8	1	Chambersburg, do do do
Frederick A. Rupley,	1	Shippensburg do	150	100	8	7	6	140	5		5	1	Shippensburg, Cumberland co., do
Theobold Fouse,	5	Woodcock Valley do	450	620	60	22	12	435	4	2	9	4	James Creek, Huntingdon co., do
Henry Heckerman,	2	Bedford do	296	150	13	22	2	276			7	3	Bedford, Bedford county, do
Jacob Hassler,	3	Martinsburg do	168	150	21	10	5	148	4		5	1	Martinsburg, Blair do do
William M. Deatrick,	3	Yellow Creek do	178	245	13	6	7	162	4		6	3	Pattonsville, Bedford county, do
Henry W. Super,	2	Waynesboro' do	250	160	14	4	8	200	4		1	1	Waynesboro', Franklin do do
Samuel H. Reid,	3	Huntingdon do	247	291	41	9	18	247				3	Huntingdon, Huntingdon co., do
Nicholas E Gilds,	5	St. Clairsville do	550	750	48	26		490	5		25	4	St. Clairsville, Bedford do do
Joseph Hannabery,	3	Schellsburg do	283	227	37	41		217			3	2	Schellsburg, do do do
Charles F. Hoffmeier,	3	Friends' Cove do	260	300	11	16	2	230	3		4	1	Charlesville, do do do
Isaac G. Brown,	2	Mercersburg do	190	153	6	7	9	177			1	2	Mercersburg, Franklin do do
Thomas G. Apple,	1	Greencastle do	332	320	28	30	9	268	2		7	1	Greencastle, do do do
John G. Wolff,	4	Waterstreet do	300		18	19	2	243	4		3	3	Alexandria, Huntingdon do do
John Ault,	2	Loudon and St. Thomas do	250	200	27	51	9	235	12		5	2	Loudon, Franklin do do
David Hefelfinger,	4	Grindstonehill do	242	175				178				2	Deceased.
Frederick A. Scholl,		Superannuated,											Greencastle, Franklin county, do
Joshua Riale,		Missionary in Iowa,											Lisbon, Linn county, Iowa.
Caspar Scheel,		Without charge,											McConnellsburg, Fulton do do
Vacant,	3	McConnellsburg charge,	105	93				91					
do	4	Upper Strasburg do	156	150		13	2	110					

***Without charge*—Jacob Mayer, Wm. D. C. Rodrock, Joseph S. Loose, Daniel M. Giles. *Licentiates*—C. B. Wolff, William R. H. Deatrick, Josiah May, and John H. Wagner.**

CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

Ministers.	Congregs.	Congregations of Charges.	Members.	Un. Members.	Baptized.	By Confirma.	By Certifica.	Communic.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sab. School.	Post Office Addresses.
Daniel Zeller,		Superannuated,											Allentown, Lehigh county, Pa.
John S. Kessler, D. D.,	3	Upper Milford, St. Peters, &c.	160		21	13		100			11	2	Allentown, Lehigh do do
Daniel Weiser,	2	New Goshenhoppen and Swamp,	900	1200	86	50	10	725			30	4	Pennsburg, Montgm. do do
Peter S. Fisher,	4	Sellersville charge,	1100		73	76		858		2	36	10	Sellersville, Bucks do do
Samuel Hess,	6	St. Paul's, Jerusalem, &c.,	850		111	62		785			56	6	Hellertown, Northam. do do
Lewis C. Herman,	1	Lobachs,											New Hanover, Montg'y. co do
William Philips,	2	Reiglesville and Upper Tinicum,	80		20	7		80			5	1	Easton, Northampton county do
N. S. Strassburger,	4	Pottstown, Amity, Limerick, &c.,	725	680	58	64	2	598		4	42	5	Pottstown, Montgomery do do
A. L. Dechant,	4	Keelers, Boyerstown, &c.,	575	785	49	31		469			29	6	Frederick, do do do
A. J. G. Dubs,	5	Saucon charge,	870		91	45		676		2	52	8	Allentown, Lehigh do do
Robert A. Van Court,	6	Falkoner Swamp, &c.,			61	76	1	810			28	8	New Hanover, Montg'y do do
David Rodrock,	4	Durham, Tinicum, &c.,	700	750	52	38		423			21	6	Bucksville, Bucks county, do
Vacant,	1	Hilltown, [Aller.											
	1	N. Hilltown, sup. by Rev. N. S.											
	1	New Williams, sup. by Rev. D. G.	140					94				1	
	3	Zions, Ridge Road, [Brendle.											
	1	Pricetown, sup. by Rev. W. A. [Good.											
	1	Friedensburg, supplied by Rev. I. Miese.											

CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

Ministers.	Con.	Congregations or Charges.	Me.	U. B.	Bap.	Ref.	Cer.	Com	Exc.	Dis.	Dea.	S. S.	Post Office Addresses.	
Albert Helffenstein, Sr.,		Without charge.											Shamokin,	Pa.
Isaac Gerhart,		Missionary,	50	80	8	2		30		2		6	Lancaster city,	do
Albert Helffenstein, Jr.,	1	Maytown,											Maytown, Lancaster county,	do
Daniel Hertz,	7	Ephrata charge,	275	210	58	31		263		15	30	2	Ephrata, do do	do
Isaac S. Demund,	1	St. Pauls,	160		13	3	32	150		1	4	1	Lancaster city,	do
John W. Hoffmeier,	4	Millersville charge,	139		10	3		139				3	do do do	do
Wm. T. Gerhard,	4		130		10	13		121			18	2	do do do	do
John Naille,	2	Elizabethtown,	153		17	22		98			14	2	Elizabethtown, Lancaster co.	do
Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D.		President F. and M. College,											Lancaster city,	do
John W. Nevin, D. D.,		Without charge,											do do	do
Henry Harbaugh, D. D.,	1	1st church,	372		29	16	16	335	10	39	10	1	do do	do
Theodore Appel,		Prof. in F. and M. College,											do do	do
Thomas C. Porter,		do do do											do do	do
Daniel Gans,	1	Salem,	218	179	19	20	6	146		2	4	2	Harrisburg,	do
Martin A. Smith,	5	Hummelstown,	290	225	32	1	1	215			5	4	Hummelstown, Dauphin co.	do
Isaac E. Graeff,	1	Manheim,	60		1			46			1	1	Lancaster city	do
John V. Eckert,	3	New Providence,	198		32	13	1	132			8	5	New Providence, Lanc. co.	do
F. Aug. Gast,	2	New Holland,	100		10	14	5	48				2	New Holland, Lanc. co.	do

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

Ministers.	Co.	Congregations or Charges.	Me.	U. B.	Ba.	Co.	Ce.	Co.	Ex.	Di.	De.	S. S.	Post Office Addresses.	
Diedrich Willers,	3	Christs, Jerusalem, Salem, &c.,	204		45			204			16	2	Fayette, Seneca county,	N. Y.
John Lichtenstein,	1	Buffalo,	507					385					Buffalo,	do
William Meyer,	1	Tonawanda,	231					181					Tonawanda, Erie do	do
T. Grossüsch,	1	Rochester.	184		16	5		149			5	1	Rochester,	do
John F. Busche,	1	New York,	150		101	20		150			6	1	New York city,	do
O. Lohr,	2	Elizabethtown and Rahway,	109		35			82				2	Elizabethtown, New Jersey.	
Lewis B. Schwartz,	1	Boston,											Boston, Mass.	

CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

Ministers.	Congregat'ns.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Un. Members.	Baptisms.	By Confirm'n.	By Certificate	Communic'ts.	Excommun'd.	Dismissed.	Deaths	Sab. Schools.	Post Office Addresses.
Isaac Shellhammer,	5	Union,	380	240	58	27		190			15	4	Black Creek, Luzerne county, Pa.
Rudolph Dünger,	3	Ashland,	165	170	29	13		150			14	4	Fountain Spring, Schuylkill co., do
William Goodrich,	6	Bloomsburg,	500	450	29	11	15	450		1	10	21	4 Orangeville, Columbia county, do.
Nathaniel E. Bressler,	7	Armstrong Valley,	400	325	40	11		300			20	6	Fisherville, Dauphin do do
Albert G. Dole,	1	Milton,	175	180	14	6		175		2	3	1	Milton, Northumberland do do
Jared Fritzinger,	7	Mahony,	525	400	72	34		424		2	31	12	Greenbrier, do do do
Henry Hoffman,	10	Berwick,	380	450	21	22		312		1	2	5	Berwick, Columbia do do
George Wolff,	2	Paradise,	380	350	28	39	15	355		6	21	3	Limestoneville, Montour do do
David W. Wolff,	4	Danville,	230	140	17	15	6	180		3	7	3	Danville, do do do
John B. Pörner,	8	Hazleton,	254	343	114	22		200			47	6	Hazleton, Luzerne do do
C. Z. Weiser,	1	Selinsgrove,	161	200	11	16		160			8	1	Selinsgrove, Snyder do do
Ephraim Kieffer,	7	Lykens Valley,	538	600	60	58		400		7	15	7	Millersburg, Dauphin do do
C. A. Rittenhouse,	3	Shamokin,	225	260	29	10	3	197			18	3	Shamokin, Northumberland do do
John W. Steinmetz,	5	Sunbury,	410	320	30	20	7	360		5	11	5	Sunbury, do do do
Henry S. Bassler,	4	Berrysburg,	200	250	15	34		175				4	Millersburg, Dauphin do do
Isaac Steely,	7	Mahontongo,	500	575	147	32		337			43	3	Rough & Ready, Schuylk'l co., do
Vacant,	3	Mount Zion,	325	300			5	300				3	

CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

Ministers.	Congreg.	Congregations or Charges.	Members	Unc. Me.	Baptism.	Confirm.	Certific.	Commun.	Excomm.	Dismiss.	Deaths.	Sab. Sch.	Post Office Addresses.		
Jonathan Zellers,		No charge,											Lock Haven, Clinton county,		Pa.
Daniel S. Tobias,	4	Rebersburg,	449		23	58		449			7	14	Rebersburg, Centre	do	do
Adolph B. Caspar,	3	Middlecreek,	170		44	19		140			20	4	New Berlin, Union	do	do
Henry Wiegand,	7	Nippannose,	364		23	18	1	364	2	3	5	5	Road Hall, Lycoming	do	do
William R. Yearick, (supply.)	2	Eden and Salem,	73	40	4			73		2	1		Walker, Centre	do	do
Samuel Gutelius,	5	Freeburg,	231	260	43	15		231		4	3	5	Freeburg, Snyder,	do	do
F. J. Mohr,	4	Williamsport,	260		25		10	220			30	1	Williamsport, Lycoming	do	do
D. G. Klein,	3	Bellefonte,	143	148	23	9	3	137	1	3	2	3	Zion, Centre	do	do
John C. Bucher,	2	Mifflinburg,	209	190	24	10	3	205	4		1	2	Mifflinburg, Union	do	do
L. C. Edmonds,	5	Aaronsburg,	450	500	27	23	24	450	3		5	1	Aaronsburg, Centre	do	do
W. H. Groh,	5	Boalsburg,	415	360	25	6	12	385			15	7	Boalsburg, do	do	do
Vacant,	2	Liberty Valley,	200	425	18	5		112			3	2	Liberty, Tioga	do	do
G. W. M. Schultz,	6	Adamsburg,	460		76	21		350			16	14	Middlecreek, Snyder	do	do
C. H. Leinbach,	2	Lewisburg,	325		22	14	17	275		4	4	2	Lewisburg, Union	do	do
I. S. Weisz,	4	Nittany,	240	450	7		6	215			7	5	Walker, Centre	do	do
H. C. Heyser,	5	Liverpool,	141		17			141				4	Richfield, Juniata	do	do
Supplied by C. Z. Weiser,	1	New Berlin,	144		6		1	144			3	1	Selinsgrove, Snyder	do	do
" A. G. Dole,	1	Union,	100	200	7			100				1	Milton, Northumberl'd	do	do
" Committees,	2	St. Peters and Messiah,	28					28							
" A. B. Caspar,	1	Centreville,											New Berlin, Union	do	do
John K. Millet, Licentiate,	1	Rays,													

CLASSIS OF CLARION.

Ministers.	Cong.	Congregations or Charges.	Mem.	Un. M.	Bapt.	Confir.	Certifi.	Comm	Excom	Dism.	Deaths	S. Sch.	Post Office Addresses.
D. B. Ernst,	3	Sagertown,	220		17	3		195				2	Sagertown, Crawford co., Pa.
L. D. Leberman,	4	Meadville,	409		129	37		409			7	5	Meadville, do do do
H. F. Hartman,	5	West Greenville,	450		50	60	10	400		7	20	4	West Greenville, Mercer do do
C. A. Limberg,	4	Luthersburg,	225		51			190			13	3	Troutville, Clearfield do do
J. G. Shoemaker,	4	Curlsville,	160		50	10		150	1	2	3	4	Curlsville, Clarion do do
Abner Dale,	1	Rimersburg,	60		14	1		50				1	Rimersburg, do do do
J. S. Shade,	5	Petersburg,	438		43	43		404			16	4	Lamertine, do do do
Lucian Cort,		Principal of the C. C. Institute,											Rimersburg, do do do
F. Wise,	2	South Bend,	210		33	22	4	190			4	1	South Bend, Armstrong do do
F. W. Dechant,	3	Harmony,	215		25	21	2	200			3	2	Harmony, Butler do do
E. D. Shoemaker,	3	Kittanning,	125		8	1		118			2	4	Rural Village, Armst. do do
D. O. Shoemaker,	2	Fairview,	225		47	5	2	299			2	1	Brady's Bend, do do do
H. Daniels,	4	Redbank,	367					255					Kerr's Store, Clarion do do
S. N. Callender,		Without charge,											Meadville Crawford do do
L. J. Mayer,	4	Mercer,											West Greenville, Mercer co., do
Philip Zeiser,		Without charge,											New Hamburg, do do do
B. Boyer,		Superannuated,											West Greenville, do do do
Vacant,	3	Tylersburg,	130					88					

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirm. Mem.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunicated.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.
East Pennsylvania	22	91	16514	16410	1820	992	37	13317	22	23	787	122
Lebanon	18	63	9849	4195	1331	586	38	7962		19	423	84
Zion	21	76	7502	5277	583	357	98	6605		27	242	72
Maryland	24	48	6221	5076	607	303	85	5359		48	200	39
North Carolina	8	26	1633					1633				
Virginia	9	25	1407		139	76	12	1228		33	24	19
Philadelphia	19	23	3590	490	289	163	103	3205		34	78	24
Mercersburg	33	53	4928	4777	389	325	116	4324	4	60	95	36
Goshenhoppen	12	49	6100	3415	622	462	13	5618		8	310	52
New York	7	10	1385		197	25		1151			27	6
Lancaster	18	32	2145	644	239	138	61	1723	10	59	94	31
East Susquehanna	16	83	5748	5553	714	370	51	4665	1	36	276	74
West Susquehanna	16	65	4402	2568	414	198	77	4019	16	16	122	71
Clarion	17	47	3234		467	203	18	2948	1	9	70	31
Total,	240	691	74658	48405	7811	4198	709	63757	48	372	2748	661
SYNOD OF OHIO AND ADJACENT STATES. Ten Classes.	151	354	18026	5047	2740	1571	677	18377	10	207	633	205
Total of the two Synods. Classes 24.	391	1045	92684	53452	10551	5769	1386	82134	58	579	3381	866

SYNOD

Of the German Reformed Church of Ohio and adjacent States.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION FOR 1860.

The close of another synodical year has brought us together in annual sessions, to recount the doings of the Lord in our bounds, in the labors, trials, and encouragements in His church, during the year.

It is with devout gratitude that we would lift our hearts in thankfulness to Him, who holds the destinies of nations and individuals in his hands, and who is the Giver of every good gift, that He has brought us safely through the dangers and responsibilities of another year. But while we have reason for thankfulness and congratulation, that our lives have been precious in the hands of the Lord, the church has been called to mourn the departure of a venerable servant of the Lord. The Classis of Lancaster, in their annual report, say: "We are admonished particularly by the death of one, who for many years has been an active member of our ecclesiastical body, and who was seldom absent from its sessions. The pioneer father of the Classis, and one of the oldest of our ministers, has closed his toils and labors in the Church militant, since our last meeting. Hence it becomes our duty to record the death of Father Weisz, who died in the triumphs of that faith, which for so many years it was his privilege to preach to his fellow-men. We should all feel ourselves admonished to make sure proof of our ministry, for we must all, in a short time, give an account of our stewardship. 'Therefore, be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh.'"

The reports placed in the hands of your committee, from the various Classes, generally present us with encouragement to go forward, and to continue faithful in our work in the Lord's vineyard The divinely appointed means, for the conviction and conversion of sinners, and the nourishment of the divine life in God's people, have been in a great measure accompanied by the Holy Spirit. Sinners have been converted or born to God; saints have had their faith strengthened in the atoning blood of the immaculate Redeemer; their hopes confirmed in the precious premises of the Gospel of the Son of God, and their hearts encouraged to go forward in the name and strength of their Divine Master.

We regard the reports, so far as we have been able to examine them, to be *generally* favorable.

We note in this direction,

A spirit of harmony and concert in all that pertains to our Zion. Whilst other denominations of Christians have been distracted and convulsed by vexed questions, our Church has still continued one. The general and prevailing tendency is now, as it ever should be, to a closer union among the different Classes. This, we believe, is not only the case with the Classes, but also with the different members, with but very few exceptions. May we all be enabled to exercise that charity towards each other, which thinketh no ill, and which suffereth long; and which will enable us to rejoice in each other's prosperity, and sympathise with those who are in adversity.

An indication of growing prosperity is found in the fact, that one new Classis, in the far West, and a large number of churches in different sections within the bounds of Synod, have been organized; a number of new pastoral charges formed, and large additions are reported to our membership. The number of candidates for the Gospel ministry has been increased, but the supply does not meet the demand of the increase and extension of the Church.

There seems also a greater degree of earnestness manifested to return to the landmarks of our fathers; viz.: the more fully to indoctrinate the membership of our Church, in the fundamental truths of the Bible and the Heidelberg Catechism. "There is, however, no disposition to do this at the expense of personal piety in the least, as it is more and more felt, that no experience can be permanent or lasting which is not based upon *truth*, and that both head and heart must be sanctified by a current of religious life, which is deeper than either."

The ordinances of the Lord's house are regarded as being not merely emblematical, but as life-bearing and invigorating to those who have the necessary conditions in themselves to approach these sacred mysteries The force is regarded as being in the ordinances, and faith in Christ as being necessary to make it available.

There are also discouraging features presented in the various reports. It is feared that many of our people are merely negatively righteous. In many instances, the Gospel evidences of a positive righteousness, are entirely wanting. The Saviour's command is, "He that loveth me, keepeth my commandments." It is not enough to forsake the old way of sin, but we must walk in the new way of holiness.

The subject of systematic *benevolence* deserves particularly

to be noticed, which has not received that attention which it demands, and which the Synod had reason to expect from the different congregations. Nearly all our pastors and their charges have reason to confess themselves guilty in this matter, of very great and palpable neglect; and need to be stirred up to greater diligence and activity.

Among the unfortunate tendencies in the present condition of Religion in our Church and country, your committee cannot help noticing the increasing desecration of the holy Sabbath. It must be admitted by all, that the preservation of the Sabbath as a day of rest and religious worship, is an inestimable blessing to a people; and we, therefore, so much the more lament that influences are silently, but powerfully, at work around us, and even within the pale of the Christian Church, lowering the standard of respect for the Lord's Day, and turning it into a day of worldliness and bodily recreation, and in many cases, even of sinful pleasure and dissipation. The ministry, who stand upon the walls of Zion, should lift up the voice to stay this flood at its commencement, rather than to wait until their earnest protest shall be powerless to stop or to correct the evil.

We have great reason, in view of the several facts noticed, to be grateful to Almighty God, for what he has done for us, as a Church, during the year. At the same time, new occasion is furnished us for confidence in the continuation of God's mercy in the future. For all God's goodness and mercy, we would ascribe unto God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, all power, glory and dominion, both now and forever. Amen.

J. HELLER, *Chairman.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

MIAMI CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congr.	Names of Charges.	Baptis Memb.	M. Con	Comm.	Baptis	Confir	Re. by Letter	Excom	Dismis	Deaths	Sab. Sc	Benevolent Contr-	Post Office Address.
D. Winters,	4	Mount Zion,		450	440	27	24			5	7	4	$178,00	Dayton, Ohio.
T. H. Winters,	2	Highland,	115	263	250	22	33			18	6	2		Xenia, Ohio.
Vacant,	1	Cæsarscreek,	52	116	110					8	1	1	55,00	
P. C. Prugh,	2	Xenia,	110	202	190	8	4	3		9	6	2	65,98	Xenia, Ohio.
G. W. Williard,	3	Dayton, First church,	150	220	220	31	22	28		4	3	3	324,10	Dayton, Ohio.
H. Rust,	1	Cincinnati, First church,	221	315	312	87	12	32		13	15	1	172,67	Cincinnati, Ohio.
Vacant,	3	New Madison,		147	125	26	18	5		2	1	3	59,00	
I. H. Reiter,	3	Miamisburg,	189	232	215	37	12	7		19	5	2	75,00	Miamisburg, Ohio.
S. Mease,	1	Cincinnati, Second church,	24	31	26	7	2	3		2	4	1		Cincinnati, Ohio.
G. Z. Mechling,	4	Seven Mile,		130	125	25	1	10		7	4	3	28,68	Seven Mile, Ohio.
J. Richards,	4	Union,		320	300	66	59			1	5	6	50,60	North Hampton, Ohio.
A. C. Kendig,	3	West Alexandria,	197	273	235	36	16	6		2	7	2	58,92	West Alexandria, Ohio.
C. Saure,	1	Cincinnati, Third church,	135	255	255	62	9	89		19	15	1	168,65	Cincinnati, Ohio.
E. F. Loeders,	1	Dayton, Second church,		80	60	37	4			10	1	1		Dayton, Ohio.
	4	Port Jefferson,		152	145	12	6	8		8	1	4	6,00	
J. A. Leis,	1	St. John's congregation,		71	71	15	8	8			4			Miamisburg, Ohio.
J. Stuck,	4	Dallas,		74	74	21	50				2	2		Greenville, Ohio.
J. Schlosser,	2	Fairfield,		177	150	9	6	5			1	1	98,21	Fairfield, Ohio.
A. Wanner,	3	Germantown,												Germantown, Ohio.
J. Weaver,	2	St. Paris,												St. Paris, Champaign co., O.
	3	Darke county,		70	70							3		
P. H. Kroh,	4	Anna, Illinois,	91	79	79	8		1			5			Anna, Illinois.
C. Plüss,	2	Brown county, Ohio,		45	87	9	2	7				1		Arnheim, Ohio.
L. Rike,	2	Corydon, Ind ,		50	50	2	16	13						Corydon, Indiana.
J. McConnell,														Anna, Illinois.
J. Pence,														Fremont, Ohio.

S. K. Denius, Germantown, Ohio; Jonas Michael, Winnamack, Ind.; J. Kercher, Lacon, Illinois.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Charges.	Baptised Memb's.	Confirmed Memb.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Rec'd by Letter.	Excommunicated.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	Collections.	Post Office Address.
I. S. Weisz,	4	Lithopolis,	200	256	219	32	8	4		6	9	3	$ 60,00	Hublersburg, Pa.
H. Williard,	2	Columbus,	60	46	43	8	2	2		8	1	3	30,00	Columbus, Ohio.
J. C. Klar,	4	Tarlton,			169	54	54			3	25	1	53,00	Stoutsville, Ohio.
H. King,	3	Union,			140	21	16				13	1		Baltimore, Ohio.
P. D. Schory,	1	Lancaster,		70	64	6	10	2			1	1		Lancaster, Ohio.
N. H. Loose,	4	Sugar Grove,		127	122	22	16	31			2	4	26,75	Sugar Grove.
C. W. Hoyman,	4	Somerset,		225	200	20	25			1	6	3	110,00	Somerset, Perry co., Ohio.
J. C. Henneman,	4	Beaver,		500	400	38	19			5	14	1	10,40	Beavertown, Ohio.
J. B. Thompson,	2	Delaware,	195	215	171	8	10	27			2	1	78,00	Delaware, Ohio.
J. Vogt,	2	Basil,	50	110									130,00	Basil, Fairfield co., Ohia.
John I. Swander,	4	Kinnickkinnik,		160										Chillicothe, Ohio.
S. S. Rickly,														Columbus, Ohio.
J. Ruhl,														Defiance, Ohio.

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregati.	Charges.	Bap. Mem.	Con. Mem.	Communic.	Baptisms.	Confirma.	R. by Cert.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	M. Sy. Eng.	M. Sy. Ger.	Contrib. for Benevolent purposes.	Post Office Address.
N. P. Hacke,	6	Greensburg, (German,)		723	723	120	50			27		40	40	$ 90,00	Greensburg, Penn'a.
H. E. F. Voigt,	8	Mount Pleasant,			157	27	2			1	4	30	10	50,00	Mt. Pleasant, do
C. C. Russell, Ass't,		do do													Latrobe, do
Wm. Conrad,	4	Beams',			178	25	21			2	1	30		24,00	Jenner X Roads, do
G. B. Russell,	1	Grace church,	73	83	83	10	10	6	6	1	1	30		170,31	Pittsburg, do
L. H. Keafauver,	2	Greensburg, (English,)	118	126	124	16	28	15	4	2	2	25		85,00	Greensburg, do
F. K. Levan,	3	Somerset,	135	170	150		3	4			2	30		60,00	Somerset, do
R. P. Thomas,	2	Salem,	210	235	220	18	14				1	30		70,00	Salem X Roads, do
A. B. Koplin,	4	Grantsville,	201		142	8		24		3		20	10		Elk Lick, do
Benjamin Knepper,	8	Wellersburg,		260	200	42	63	4		6	4	25	10		Wellersburg, do
D. H. Reiter,	5	†Shade,	161	192	172							20			Stoystown, do
F. A. Edmonds,	4	†Berlin,		297	250							20	20		Berlin, do
William Wienel,		Superannuated,													Leechburg, do
George A. Fickes,		Without charge,													Fremont, Ohio.

IOWA CLASSIS.

F. C. Bauman,	1	Harmony,			56	3	10	9			1				Rockdale, Dubuque co. Ia
J. Riale,	2	Boulder and Tipton,			21	4		7							Lisbon, Linn co., Iowa.
J. H. Buser,	2	Oskaloosa and Mt. Zion,			31	7	4	25			1				Oskaloosa, Mahaska co. do

† Report of last year.

SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Con.	Names of Charges.	B.M.	M.C.	Com	Bap.	Con.	Let.	Exc.	Dis.	Dea.	S.S.	Ben. Collec.	Post Office Address.	
S. B. Leiter,	4	Tuscarawas,		187	187	27	20	1				3	$41.37	Navarre, Stark county,	Ohio.
Wm. McCaughey,	4	Navarre,	180	208	196	31	29	7		1		4	49.00	do do	do
Jesse Hines,	6	Savannah,			135	18	26			1	2	5	5.59	Perote, Ashland co.,	do
J. J. Excell,	4	Reed-burg,		140	120	10	50			1	1	3	29,00	Reedsburg, Wayne do	do
M. A. Miller,	6	Summit,		241		50	38	5		8		2	60,00	Lake, Stark do	do
J. M. Lefever,	3	Carrolton,	50	108	108	6	1	3		3	1	3	9,75	Carrollton, Carrol do	do
H. Hess,		Shelby,												Shelby, Richland do	do
F. Helm,	3	Akron,		120	107	15	3	16			1	3		Akron, Summit do	do
C. H. Reiter,	4	Bristol,		207	165	35	30	3			9	1	68,00	Smithville, Wayne do.	do
P. J. Spangler,														W. Lebanon, Wayne do	do
H. Shaull,														Without charge,	
D. G. Philips,														Upper Sandusky,	do
L. Follett,														Nankin, Ashland do	do
D. R. Moore, Licentiate,														Pallow, Stark do	do
	2	Congress,												No report.	

SHEBOYGAN CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Con.	Congregations or Charges.	B.M.	M.C.	Com	Bap.	Con.	Let.	Exc.	Dis.	Dea.	S.S.	Ben. Collec.	Post Office Address.
H. A. Mühlmeier.		Emanuels,	3 2	160	160	14	10	16		4	2	1	$ 60	Howard Grove, Wis.
J. J. Brecht,		Ashford,	136	80	60	22	11				8	1		Ashford, Fon du Lac co., Wis.
H. A. Winter,	6	Lowell,	230	150	14	30	20				3	1		Lowell, Dodge county.
J. T. Kluge,		Zion,s.	147	86	80	13	5	12		5		1	6,75	Sheboygan, Wisconsin,
J. Bossard,		Sarons,												do do
P. Joerris,		Salem,												Watertown, Wis.
N. Rutenick,														
C. Lienkemper,														Sauck city, do
C. Shiller,														Medina, do

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congr.	Congreg'ns or Charges.	B. Me.	M. Co.	Comm.	Baptis	Confir.	By Let.	Excom	Dismis	Deaths	Sub. S.	Contri. for Benev. purpo.	Post Office Address.	
F. Rahauser,		Superannuated,											$	Wilkins, Pa.	
R. Good,	3	Zion, Good Hope,		83	70	6	14				1	2	12,00	Tiffin, Seneca county,	Ohio.
J. H. Good,	2	Tiffin, Second church,		150	165	55	13	7		9	10	2	77,00	do do do	do
M. Stern,	6	Gallion charge,		507	509	55	43	48			10	3		Gallion,	do
H. J. Rutenick,		Editor Evangelist,											27,00	Cleveland,	do
J. Klingler,	2	Allen county charge,		53	53	12	7	1			1	2	5,16	Herring, Allen county,	do
H. Eschmeier,	1	Toledo Mission,	173	120	120	15	7	3			3	1		Toledo,	do
J. G. Ruhl,	6	Marion charge,		173	173	30	8				9	2	112,00	Marion,	do
J. J. Escher,	5	Berwick charge,	276	240	245	38	6	4			10	3	128,00	Fostoria,	do
Eli Keller,	4	Bucyrus charge,		288	288	39	22					3	136,00	Bucyrus,	do
M. Kieffer, D. D.,	1	Fort Seneca,		68	68	6	11	5			1	1	75,00	Tiffin,	do
J. Knie,	2	Vermillion		115	125	27					11	1	8,00	Vermillion, Erie county,	do
C. Weiler,		Superannuated,												N. Winchester,	do
Vacant,	3	Upper Sandusky,		68	20							1		Upper Sandusky,	do
E. E. Higbee,	1	Tiffin, First church,	150	80	80	15	21	8			3	1	100,00	Tiffin,	do
P. Tendick,	2	Attica Mission,		127	127	30	17	5			5	2	50.72	Attica,	do
J. Heller,	2	Fremont,		79	79	9	10	15		1		1	26,72	Fremont,	do
J. B. Kniest,	1	Sandusky,	112	48	51	3		24		11	1	2	2,22	Sandusky city,	do
D. W. Kelley,	4	Thompson,	235	170	170	22	38	15			9	1	64,00	Bellevue, Huron county,	do
C. Raths,	4	Ellmore,		130	92	20					7		10,00	Ellmore,	do
C. Banks,		New Bremen,												New Bremen,	do
do do	4	Shelby.		158	158	8		2			4	1	55,00	Shelby,	do
H. E. C. Shutte,	3	Findlay,		90							2	3	2,00	Findlay,	do
P. Greding,	6	Allen county charge,		185	185	13	13						17,00	Herring,	do
Witsgall, licentiate,		Henry county,												N. Bavaria, Henry county,	do
Vacant,		do do		123											
J. Eichen,		Crestline,												Crestline,	
C. D. Zimmerman,		Gallion,												Gallion,	do

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congreg.	Congregations or Charges.	Bap. M.	Me. Con.	Commu.	Baptism	Confirm.	By letter.	Excomm.	Dismiss.	Deaths.	S. Scho.	Benev. Contri-butions.	Post Office Address.
J. H. Kline,	1	St. John's congregation,		160	183	21	13	24		5	14	1	$44,00	Ft. Wayne, Indiana.
J. D. Grackenheimer,	4	St. Paul's coarge,		217	211	12	5				3	3		Leslie, Ohio.
	6	Union charge,		223	232	65	22	1			7	5		
W. H. Fenneman,	4	Bluffton charge,	177	174	174	14		60		7	4	1	8,33	Bluffton, Indiana.
Wendel Wasnick,		Brush Creek charge,			160	42	4		2		8	3	35,00	Pulaski, Ohio,
W. Ellers,		Colon charge,		110	70	4					4	3		Burr Oak, Michigan,
W. B. Sandoe,	2	Bryan charge,		90	105	48	20	1			6	1	2,60	Bryan, Ohio.
P. Becker,	6			190	178	32	14				8		4,50	Columbia city, Indiana.
Andrew Butt,	6	Jefferson charge,		110	26		8	41	8		1	3	23,00	Pulaski, Ohio.
P. Vitz,		Adams county Mission,	88	64	51	11	5	2			2	2	12,00	Decatur, Illinois.
A. Shroder,	1	Detroit Mission,		50	40	10						2		Detroit, Michigan.
J. H. Ruhl,	1	Huntington charge		102	102	11	8	24			7	1		Huntington, Indiana.
J. Brakefield,		Lafayette charge,									1	1		Pulaski, Ohio.
		Hardford Mission,		40	40								3,11	
D. Lantz,		No report,												Constantine, Michigan,
E. Spangler,		do												Edgerton, Ohio.
D. Kroh,	3	St. Joseph's charge,		210	210	48	31	3			61	1		Elkhart, Indiana.
D. Winters,														West Alexandria, Ohio.

INDIANA CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congreg.	Congregations or Charges.	Bap. Me.	Me. Con.	Commu.	Baptism.	Confirm.	By Let.	Excom.	Dismiss.	Deaths.	Sab. Sc.	Benev. Collections.	Post Office Address.
G. H. Zumpe,	3	Poland,		145	195	20	13	4			4	1	$35,15	Poland, Clay county, Indiana.
M. G. I. Stern,	1	First G. R. ch., Indianapolis,		90	74	18		19			3	1		Indianapolis, do
F. W. Steffens,	1	First G. R. ch., Louisville,		70	110	14	2				4	1		Louisville, Kentucky.
J. D. Colliflower,		Boundary city,												Pittsburg, Ind.
John Blaetgen,		Evansville,												Evansville, Ind.
H. Kortheuer,	1	Terra Haute,		42			2					1	9,00	Terra Haute, Indiana.
F. Wahl,	4	Dayton,			120									Dayton, Indiana.
C. Pluss,														Arnheim, do
T. Etter,														
Vacant,		Linton,												
do		Vernon,												Vernon, Indiana,

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregs.	Congregations or Charges.	B. Membs.	Mem. Con.	Communic.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	By Letter.	Excommu.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Benevolent Collections	Post Office Address.
T. P. Decker,														Freeport, Illinois.
J. Hoyman,	5	Orangeville,		225	213	57	21	2		6	52	6	$10.00	Orangeville, Illinois.
H. Knepper,														Dixen, do
H. K. Baines,														Shelbyville, Illinois,

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congrega.	Congregations or Charges.	Bap. Memb.	Memb. Confir.	Communic.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Rec'd by Letter.	Excommunica.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Contr. for Benevolent purposes	Post Office Address.	
J. W. Hamm,	7	Manchester,		700	685	78	30				23	5	$17,50	Nimisilla, Summit county,	Ohio.
D. Kemmerer.	5	Wooster, charge,		421	405	107	23				15	3	70,00	Wooster, Wayne county,	do
P. Herbruck,	6	Canton charge,			836	125	82				66	5	39,00	Canton, Stark county,	do
J. G. Zahner,	5	Shanesville charge,			344	41	53				30	4	48,35	Ragersville, Tuscarawas co.,	do
R. Köhler,	3	Mt. Eton charge,		200	170	17	12				6	1	7,82	Mt. Eton, Wayne county,	do
G. Ziegler,	8	St. Peter's charge,		650	577	64	10				19	5	38,74	N. Georgetown, Columb. co.,	do
G. Rettig,	5	New Bedford,			325	68	55				26	1	10,38	New Bedford, Coshocton co.,	do
J. Ackeret,	3	Mt. Eton charge,			150	37	21				11	2	9,00	Mt. Eton, Wayne county,	do
C. Zwisler,	3	Canfield charge,		320	295	53					9	3		Canfield, Mahoning county,	do
E. H. T. Woehler,	2	Orange Jackson,			110	10					3	1	11,50	Albion, Ashland county,	do
J. F. Engelbach,	2	Akron charge,			93	13	3				5	1	4,82	Akron, Summit county,	do
S. N. King,	3	New Lisbon charge,		170	155	9	1				9	2	60,00	N. Lisbon, Columbiana co.,	do
C. Fehr,	2													Youngstown, Mahoning co.,	Ohio.
S. Seiberd,	3													Canton, Stark county,	do
J. Rettig,	3	New Philadelphia,			194	24	1				7	3	11,50	New Philadelphia,	do
J. Reinhart,	4	Springfield charge,		159	126									North Lima, O.	
J. J. Roemer,	3	Calcutta charge,		128										Calcutta, O.	

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSIONS.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SYNOD

OF THE

German Reformed Church

IN THE

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EASTON, PA., September 25th, 1861.

THE SYNOD OF THE GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES convened, in accordance with the resolution of the last Synod, in the German Reformed church, Easton, Pa., on Wednesday evening, the 25th of September, A. D., 1861, at half past 7 o'clock. The opening sermon was preached by the President of the last Synod, the Rev. John W. Nevin, D. D., from Psalm 97 : 1, "*The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice.*"

At the close of the services, the Synod was opened with prayer by the President. The Synod proceeded to the making out of the Roll, when the following delegates presented the evidences of their appointment, and took their seats:

1.) *From the Classis of East Pennsylvania.*

Rev. John Beck, Daniel Y. Heisler, John Gantenbein and Isaac K. Loos.

Elders— * * * * *

2.) *From the Classis of Lebanon.*

Rev. Henry Harbaugh, D. D.

Elder—John Krouse.

3.) *From the Classis of Zion.*

Rev. Theodore P. Bucher, Henry Mosser, Samuel Philips and George E. Addams.

Elders—Samuel Wetzel, Jacob Marks and Israel Loucks.

4.) *From the Classis of Maryland.*

Rev. John Kuelling, William F. Colliflower and Joseph W. Santee.

Elders—George Shafer, John Rodenmayer and John Tice.

5.) *From the Classis of Philadelphia.*

Rev. Nicholas Gehr, Samuel G. Wagner and Peter S. Davis.

Elder—John Fitzgerald.

6.) *From the Classis of Virginia.*

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7.) *From the Classis of North Carolina.*

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8.) *From the Classis of Mercersburg.*

Rev. William M. Deatrick, Henry Heckerman, Thomas G. Apple and Benjamin S. Schneck, D. D.

Elders—George Cook and William Heyser.

9.) *From the Classis of Goshenhoppen.*

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10.) *From the Classis of New York.*

Rev. John F. Busche.

Elder—Henry Berge.

11.) *From the Classis of Lancaster.*

Rev. Thomas C. Porter and Amos H. Kremer.

Elders— * * * * *

12.) *From the Classis of East Susquehanna.*

Rev. Henry S. Bassler, John W. Steinmetz and William Goodrich.

Elders—Jesse Coleman and George Hill.

13.) *From the Classis of West Susquehanna.*

Rev. Israel S. Weisz.

Elders—Griffin Rote and Elijah Hess.

14.) *From the Classis of Clarion.*

Rev. Joseph H. Apple.

Elder—John Hamm.

15.) *From the Classis of St. Paul.*

Rev. David B. Ernst.

Elders— * * * * *

16.) *From the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States.*

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Synod proceeded to the election of Officers, whereupon the Rev. Henry Harbaugh, D. D., was chosen *President;* and the Rev. Theodore P. Bucher, *Corresponding Secretary.* The Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., is *Stated Clerk.* The election of *Treasurer* was postponed until a subsequent session.

ADVISORY MEMBERS

From the Classis of Zion—Rev. Jeremiah M. Mickley, George Leidy and Jacob O. Miller.

From the Classis of Lancaster—Rev. John W. Nevin, D. D., and Isaac Gerhart.

From the Classis of Mercersburg—Rev. Philip Schaff, D. D., Nicholas E. Gilds and Samuel R. Fisher, D. D.

From the Classis of Maryland—Rev. Walter E. Krebs.

From the Classis of West Susquehanna—Rev. William H. Groh.

LICENTIATES PRESENT.

William H. Reily of the Classis of Zion and Daniel B. Albright of the Classis of Lebanon.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That, in conformity with the recommendation of the President of the United States, we as a Synod do observe Thursday the 26th day of September, with all due religious solemnities, as a day of humiliation, fasting and prayer.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to propose the order of the religious exercises contemplated in the preceding resolution, which shall take the place of the religious exercises observed, according to a standing rule of Synod, on the afternoon of the first day of the sessions, and that the committee report to morrow morning at the opening of the session.

The committee consists of the Rev. John Beck, Benjamin S. Schneck, D. D., and Elder William Heyser.

The Synod adjourned until to morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Doxology and Benediction by the President.

THURSDAY, September 26th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Singing, and prayer by the Stated Clerk.

The minutes of last evening's session were read, amended and adopted.

The following delegates from the Classis of Goshenhoppen presented the evidences of their appointment and took their seats:

Rev. Peter S. Fisher, N. S. Strassburger and William Philips.

Elders—Louis Marsteller and Anthony Labach.

Elder Goldsboro S. Griffith, delegate from the Classis of Maryland, appeared and took his seat.

Rev. George W. Williard, delegate from the German Reformed Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, appeared, presented the evidences of his appointment and took his seat.

Rev. Daniel F. Brendle, from the Classis of East Pennsylvania, and C. A. Rittenhouse, from the Classis of East Susquehanna, appeared and took their seats as advisory members.

The committee appointed to propose the order of religious exercises for to day, submitted their report. It was received, amended and adopted, and *is as follows*:

The committee appointed to report on the nature and order of religious services to be observed on the National Fast day, would respectfully recommend the following order:

1. A sermon at 10 o'clock, A. M., by Rev. Prof. Thomas C. Porter, assisted by Dr. Samuel R. Fisher and Dr. Henry Harbaugh.

2. A prayer meeting at 2½ o'clock, P. M., the services consisting of singing, prayer and four short addresses by Dr. Philip Schaff, Rev. Amos H. Kremer, Rev. Nicholas Gehr (in German) and Rev. George W. Williard, all under the direction of the President of Synod, and not to extend beyond one hour and a half.

3. A sermon in the evening by the Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh.

Respectfully submitted,

J. BECK,

Chairman.

Elder Daniel Odenwelder, delegate from the Classis of East Pennsylvania, appeared and took his seat.

Resolved, That the sessions of Synod during the present meeting open at 9 o'clock in the morning, and 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and close at 12 o'clock in the morning, and 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Synod took a recess until the opening of the religious exercises.

At the time appointed, the religious exercises were observed in the order proposed by the committee.

In the morning, a sermon was preached by the Rev. Thomas C. Porter, from Jonah 3 : 8 and 9, "But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily to God; yea let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands. Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?"

In the afternoon, addresses were delivered by the Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff, Amos H. Kremer and George W. Williard, in the English language, and the Rev. Nicholas Gehr in the German language. The exercises were interspersed with singing and prayer.

In the evening, a sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh, from Luke 2 : 41 and 42, "Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover; And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast."

FRIDAY, September 27th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Singing, and prayer by Rev. John F. Busche.

The minutes of yesterday were read and adopted.

Rev. Samuel Hess, delegate primarius from the Classis of Goshenhoppen, appeared and took the seat occupied by the secundus, Rev. William Philips.

Rev. Henry Wiegandt and elder Frederick Kleis, delegates from the Classis of West Susquehanna; Elder William H. Frymire, delegate from the Classis of East Susquehanna; Rev. Dr. John H. A. Bomberger and Elder Charles Santee, delegates from the Classis of Philadelphia; and Rev. Charles F. McCauley, Aaron S. Leinbach, and Elder Daniel Young, delegates from the Classis of Lebanon, appeared and took their seats.

Rev. Joshua H Derr, Joseph H. Dubs and Frederick Strassner, from the Classis of East Pennsylvania; Rev. Andrew Shroeder, from the Classis of New York; Rev. Albert G. Dole, from the Classis of East Susquehanna; Rev. Daniel Gans, from the Classis of Lancaster, and Rev. George Wolff, from the Classis of Lebanon, appeared and took their seats as advisory members.

The Rules of Order were read by the Stated Clerk.

The Licentiate William M. Reily and Rev. Joseph H. Dubs, were appointed reporters for the papers of Easton.

Elder William Heyser was elected Treasurer of Synod.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President announced the following Standing Committees:

On Minutes of Synod—Rev. Samuel Philips, John Gantenbein, and Elders Daniel Odenwelder, John Hamm and Frederick Kleis.

On Overtures—Rev. Aaron S. Leinbach, Theodore P. Bucher, John Kuelling, and Elders Samuel Wetzel and Anthony Labach.

On Correspondence with Sister Churches—Rev. Nicholas Gehr, Henry Wiegandt, Joseph W. Santee, and Elders Jacob Marks and Jesse Coleman.

On Minutes of Classes—Rev. Thomas G. Apple, William F. Colliflower, Henry Mosser, John F. Busche, Isaac K. Loos, Samuel G. Wagner, William M. Deatrick, Samuel Hess, Amos H. Kremer, John W. Steinmetz, Israel S. Weiss, Joseph H. Apple, David B. Ernst, and Elders George Shafer and George Cook.

On Examination, Licensure and Ordination—Rev. Dr. Benjamin S. Schneck, Dr. John H. A. Bomberger, Thomas C. Porter, Charles F. McCauley, George W. Williard, and Elders William Heyser and George Hill.

On the State of Religion and Statistical Reports—Rev. Daniel Y. Heisler, Joseph Hannabery, David B. Ernst, and Elders John Krouse and Henry Berge.

On the Theological Seminary—Rev. N. S. Strassburger, Samuel Hess, and Elders Charles Santee, Louis Marsteller, and Elijah Hess.

On Missions—Rev. Joseph H. Apple, George E. Addams, Henry Heckerman, and Elders Goldsboro S. Griffith, and Israel Loucks.

On Finance—Rev. Amos H. Kremer, William M. Deatrick, Henry S. Bassler, and Elders John Rodenmayer, and Daniel Young.

On Nominations—Rev. Samuel G. Wagner, Peter S. Fisher, and Elders Griffin Rote and John Fitzgerald.

On Publication—Rev. Isaac K. Loos, John W. Steinmetz, Joseph H. Apple, and Elders John Tice and William H. Frymire.

The reading of the Minutes of last year was dispensed with, and they were referred to the Committee on Minutes of Synod.

The Minutes of the Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Zion, Maryland, Philadelphia, Mercersburg, Goshenhoppen, New York, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Clarion and St. Paul, were received and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the reports on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, which were referred to the Committee on this subject.

Application for examination and licensure was made in behalf of Mr. Edmond R. Eshbach, from the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg. His application was referred to the Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination.

The Minutes of the German Reformed Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, were received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches.

Several miscellaneous documents were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

The presence of the Rev. Messrs Hurn and Quigg, of the

Methodist Episcopal Church, and of the Rev. Messrs. Plitt and Platticher of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, was announced.

The following Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary was received, read and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary:

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States.

DEAR BRETHREN:—As the President of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, it becomes my duty to submit their Annual Report.

Through a kind providence, our beloved Zion has been happily preserved through the past year in union and harmony, amid the exciting causes, which have agitated and disturbed the peace of some of our Sister Churches, convulsing our country also in its length and breadth. For this mark of the divine favor, we should feel called upon to lift our hearts and voices in prayer and praise.

The present state of our suffering country presents an aspect truly deplorable. The jarring sounds of the civil strife echo throughout the land. Its poisoned shafts have severed family ties and friends, causing the bitter feelings of hate and envy to grow, where only the mild and genial influences of the Gospel should find place.

The great depresssion of all our industrial pursuits, in connexion with the financial embarrassments which prevail on every hand, must necessarily affect, in a greater or less degree, the benevolent operations of our Church. She has the ability fully to sustain all her benevolent enterprises. But, in consequence of an increased taxation, the annual receipts will naturally fall off, unless by systematic action on the part of the Church through her Pastors and congregations, the tendency in this direction be checked. System is wanting. By system a far larger amount could be annually secured than is realized, and that too, without placing burdens upon our people. Your Board hope, that the attention of the Church will be called to this subject. It unhappily occurs in times of retrenchment, that its members begin at the Church, by reducing the support extended to her operations. This should not be so.

Your Board feel, that the present state of things should call forth the largest amount of Christian activity, in order to counteract the corrupting influences every where abounding. Let the Church be brought to enjoy sound spiritual health, and her financial wants will be fully supplied. Our different Boards should be fully sustained. A want of funds must necessarily cripple all their operations.

We have an old and unpaid debt, which should not be allow-

ed to burden the Church, when it could be so easily liquidated, and for the payment of which there is an amount due by the several Classes, almost sufficient. Your Board hope, that, in the present year, these pledges will be redeemed.

The Seminary buildings need some repair. The fences enclosing the buildings and grounds have in part been repaired.

Valuable additions have been made to our Theological Library, through the personal efforts of Dr. Schaff, no collections having been taken up by the churches, as recommended by Synod, a report of which will doubtless be made.

From the accompanying report of the Treasurer, we learn the gratifying fact, that, notwithstanding the financial pressure, the receipts have not fallen off so as to impair the support of our professors.

According to his account, there was received into the Treasury the sum of $2,727,18. The amount expended is $2,696,82, leaving a balance in the Treasury of $30,86. The amount received on the synodical apportionment fund, is $307,56, of which there was expended $246,25, leaving of this fund in the Treasury $61,31. The balance of the apportionment fund remaining due and unpaid by the several Classes, as per statement furnished, is $2,059,84.—$4,000, in bonds for the endowment of the Theological Tutorship, have been received. It is hoped, that the balance necessary to complete this scheme, will be forwarded without delay.

Your Board would add, that our worthy brother Geo. Besore, Esq., felt himself called upon to resign his office as Treasurer of the Theological Seminary. The necessity was regretted by the Board, inasmuch as he was a zealous and faithful officer. The vacancy created by this resignation, was supplied by the election of Adam B. Wingert, Esq , of Greencastle. In this selection we hope the Church will find an equally zealous and faithful officer.

Your Board earnestly hope, that the blessing of God may rest upon your labors, and that all your deliberations may be characterised by great harmony.

For a more specific exhibition of the various items brought to your view, you are referred to the report of the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM HEYSER. *President.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Church.

GENTLEMEN :—I herewith present my account current with the Theological Seminary for the year ending Sept. 16, 1861.

Notwithstanding the disturbed condition of the times, and the interruption of business, which must, to a greater or less

extent, affect the benevolent operations of the Church, the receipts from the various sources during the past year compare favorably with preceding years.

The receipts from interest on Plainfield Bonds amount to $384,82. Last year it amounted to $429, and in the year preceding that, it amounted to $209. Showing that the present year is a full average compared with preceding years.

The receipts from dividends and investments are $1,815,21. The bank dividends show a slight falling off from the amount received last year. The amount received on the Synodical apportionment account is $307,56, including a balance from last year of $42,23, leaving the amount actually paid $265,33.

The amount received thus is scarcely more than sufficient to pay the annual interest on the debt still remaining unpaid. It is now nearly six years since the Classes assumed their several apportionments of the Seminary debt, and yet but little more than one half of that debt has been paid. At the present rate of payment no prospect exists that the debt will ever be paid. We have so repeatedly urged the payment of this debt through you upon Synod and the Classes, that any thing further from us would be superfluous, and we feel like yielding in despair to the negligent and lethargic response made thus far from many of the Classes, and must again content ourselves with simply noting the indebtedness of each.

There is still due from the Virginia Classis		$195,00
Lebanon	Classis,	434,00
Philadelphia	"	337,50
Mercersburg	"	21,40
East Penn'a.	"	483,70
Lancaster	"	312,25
Goshenhoppen	"	200,99
New York	"	75,00
		$2059,84

The only amount received on account of the newly formed Theological Tutorship thus far is $30,00, being the interest for one year on a single bond. In obedience to the instructions of Synod, we requested all who had pledged amounts to send us bonds legally executed, but as the Classes are not incorporated bodies, a difficulty exists in fulfilling this part of Synod's instructions. The following bonds have been received:

Rev. B. S. Schneck,	$500,00
" B. Bausman,	500,00
John Weist, Jr.,	500,00
Rudolph F. Kelker,	500,00
Carried over,	$2000,00

Brought over,	$200
Rev. B. C. Wolff,	25
" P. Schaff,	25
Rev. A. L. and G. B. Dechant,	50
Wm. E. Schmertz,	50
West Susquehanna Classis,	50
	$4,00

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. BESORE, *Treasur*

Theological Seminary in account with GEORGE BESORE, *Treas*
from October 1st, 1860, to September 16th, 1861.

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1861. *Interest on Plainfield Bonds.*

PHILADELPHIA CLASSIS.

Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, $15,00

EAST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS.

David Kremer, 9,00

MARYLAND CLASSIS.

D. C. Hammond 6, Samuel Zellers 11, 17,00

MERCERSBURG CLASSIS.

N. Gruber 12, G. Dittmar 3, Dr. B. C. Wolff, Bond No. 4 12, Bond No. 10 6, Rev. D. Hefelfinger, dec'd. 71, Rev. G. W. Glessner 18, Rev. Josiah May 1,20, Russell's congregation 4, Isaac Rhodes 6, Rev. T. Fouse 6, Yellow creek 6, Adam Haderman 3, Paul Rhodes 6, Waynesboro cong. 6, Rev. S. R. Fisher 6, 166,20

ZIONS CLASSIS.

David Hoffman 3, Christ Church, Littlestown 12, Rev. W. K. Zieber 10, Barbara Spangler 4,12, A. K. Schriver, 12, 41,12

VIRGINIA CLASSIS.

Shepherdstown congregation 6, 6,00

EAST PENNSYLVANIA CLASSIS.

Trail Green 6, W. H. Lawall 6, J. P. Hetrick 6, Jacob Rader 6, T. & S. Deshler 6, 30,00

WEST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS.

J. & G. Hoffer 12, Mifflinburg cong. 6, J. F. Pontius 6, 24,00

LEBANON CLASSIS.

Rev. J. D. Zehring 6, Mrs. Caroline Hiester 30, 36,00 $3

Dividends and Interest.

Kieffer fund,	$570,00	
Keller fund,	300,00	
Bank Dividends,	727,86	
Carried forward,	$1,597,86	$3

Brought forward,	$1,597,86	$334,32
Interest from Peter Cook's estate on Legacy,	108,00	
Interest on sundry investments,	109,35	
		1,815,21

Principal of Plainfield Bonds.

Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger,	$25,00	
Rev D. Hefelfinger, dec'd.,	100,00	
Samuel Zellers,	100,00	
Rev. F. W. Kremer,	50,00	
Sundry persons in Friends Cove	10,00	
Barbara Spangler, dec'd.,	25,00	
Andrew K. Schriver,	50,00	
		360,00

Miscellaneous.

Room rents from students per Dr. Wolff,	$198,32	
Balance from last year,	19,33	
		217,65
		$2,727,18

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To Cash paid at sundry times to Dr. P. Schaff,	$1,000,00	
" " " " Dr. B. C. Wolff,	1,148,32	
Interest on Clopp Legacy, 2 years,	80,00	
Treasurer's salary paid for keeping books,	100,00	
Stationary, postage, etc.,	8,00	
Permanently invested,	360,00	
Balance to new year,	30,86	
		$2,727,18

Theological Tutorship Fund in account with Geo. Besore, Tres'r.

CR.

By one years interest on P. Bond of J. Wiest, Jr., Philadelphia,	$30,00

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Balance to new year,	$30,00

Synodical Apportionment Account.

1861. CR.

PHILADELPHIA CLASSIS.		
Race Street congregation, Philadelphia,	$58,75	
MARYLAND CLASSIS.		
Glade charge 16,12, Burketsville 12,75,	28,87	
EAST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS.		
Rev. D. F. Brendle 3, Rev. I. K. Loos 6,	9,00	
WEST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS.		
Lewisburg congregation 4,72, Mite Society of do. 7,50, Aaronsburg 3, Driesbach 6,74, Lewisburg 5,80, Lewisburg congregation 7,69, Mite Society 3,	38,45	
LANCASTER CLASSIS.		
Rev. Hertz's charge 15, Centre church 12, Elizabeth charge, Maytown 7, Elizabethtown, Rev. J. Naille 15, Bainbridge 5, Int. on Synod App't. 17,25	71,25	
Carried over,		$206,32

Brought over,		$206,32
GOSHENHOPPEN CLASSIS.		
Rev. A. J. G. Dubs 25, Rev. J. S. Kessler 14,01,	$39,01	
MERCERSBURG CLASSIS.		
Loudon charge,	20,00	
Balance from last year,	42,23	
		101,24
		$307,56

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To cash paid at sundry times to Treasurer of Franklin and Marshall College,	$246,25	
Balance to new year,	61,31	
		$367,56

Resolved, That the committee appointed at the opening of the present sessions to propose the order of religious exercises for yesterday, be continued as a committee to make arrangements for supplying the several pulpits of Easton and vicinity, with preaching as may be desired.

The Synod proceeded to fix upon the place and time for holding its next annual sessions, when it was decided that they should be held at Chambersburg, Pa., on the third Wednesday of October, A. D., 1862, at half past 7 o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned. Prayer by the Rev. Henry S. Bassler.

FRIDAY, September 27th, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Singing, and prayer by Rev. John Gantenbein.

Rev. Isaac K. Loos, and Elder Jesse Coleman, obtained leave of absence after to-day's sessions, until Monday morning's session.

Rev. Augustus L. Dechant, and Dr. John S. Kessler, from the Classis of Goshenhoppen, and Rev. William G. Hackman, from the Classis of Philadelphia, appeared and took their seats as advisory members.

The Committee on Overtures reported the following items:

Item 1. A paper containing the grounds of the appeal of the Rev. Joshua H. Derr, from the decision of the Classis of East Pennsylvania at a late special meeting held in Allentown, Pa., in the case of an election of a Trustee for the congregation in Allentown.

Item 2. A paper containing the grounds of the appeal of Elder Israel Loucks, in behalf of the English section of the congregation at York, Pa., from the decision of the Classis of Zion

at its last annual meeting at Jefferson, York county, Pa, authorizing the organization of a pastoral charge out of the German section of their congregation and two congregations in the vicinity of York; together with a communication from the Secretary of the Consistory of the English section of the congregation at York, relating to the same subject.

Item 3. A paper containing the grounds of the appeal of the Rev. Peter S. Davis, from the decision of the Classis of Philadelphia at its last annual meeting at Norristown, Pa., sustaining the call for the previous question, whilst he had the floor, when the Classis had previously resolved that each member should be allowed to speak once on the question under discussion.

Item 4. A communication from the St. John's German Reformed congregation at Chambersburg, Pa., requesting the Synod to authorize Mr. Adam Schellhase, a former Trustee of said congregation, to transfer the property of the congregation to Mr. Caspar Wicke, the present Trustee.

The report was received, and taken up item by item, and disposed of as follows:

Items 1, 2, and 3 were laid on the table until the Committee on Minutes of Classes reports.

In regard to item 4, it was

Resolved, That the request be granted, and that Mr. Adam Schellhase, one of the former Trustees, be, and hereby is authorized to transfer all the property belonging to the Second Reformed congregation in Chambersburg, called *St. John's congregation*, to Mr. Caspar Wicke, the present Trustee of the same.

The report of the Committee on Overtures was adopted as far as made, and the Committee continued.

The Synod took a recess for half an hour to afford the Standing Committees time to prepare their reports. After recess, the Synod resumed its business.

Rev. John Rebaugh, delegate primarius from the Classis of Mercersburg, appeared and took the seat occupied by the secundus, Rev. Dr. Benjamin S. Schneck.

Rev. David W. Wolff and Lucian Cort from the Classis of East Susquehanna, and Rev. Franklin W. Kremer, from the Classis of Lebanon, appeared and took their seats as advisory members.

Rev. Samuel H. Giesy, delegate secundus from the Classis of Philadelphia, was admitted to the seat occupied by the primarius, Rev. Dr. John H. A. Bomberger.

Elder John Heilman, delegate from the Classis of Lebanon, appeared and took his seat.

Rev. John Rebaugh and Samuel H. Giesy, were substituted in the place of Rev. Dr. Benjamin S. Schneck and Dr. John H. A. Bomberger, in the Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination.

Rev. Isaac S. Weisz and Elder Griffin Rote obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the sessions.

Adjourned. Singing, and prayer by Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff.

SATURDAY, September 28th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Singing, and prayer by Rev. Isaac Gerhart.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and adopted.

Rev. Dr. Daniel Zacharias, delegate from the Classis of Maryland, and Elder George Besore, delegate from the Classis of Mercersburg, appeared and took their seats.

Rev. Samuel N. Callender, from the Classis of St. Paul, and Rev. John G. Wolff and Benjamin Bausman, from the Classis of Mercersburg, appeared and took their seats as advisory members.

The Board of Trustees of Synod submitted the following annual report, which was received, read and referred to the Committee on Finance:

EASTON, Pa., Sept. 27th, 1861.

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States:

In pursuance of a call by the President, R. F. Kelker, Esq., the Board of Trustees of the Synod of the German Reformed Church of the United States, convened in this place on the above named date. The Treasurer presented his report, which was audited and found to be correct, and is herewith transmitted to Synod.

As the term of one of the members of the Board will expire on the 1st of Jan., 1862, it devolves upon Synod to elect another in his stead. The name of J. S. Hollinger of Lancaster, Pa., and George Z. Kunkle of Harrisburg, Pa., are offered as suitable candidates for the office of Trustee.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. KREMER,

Vice President of the Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN:—The annexed account will show the amount of the receipts and disbursements for the past year:

The gross amount of receipts is $1,050,20, including the balance in the Treasury, as per last statement of $273,67. Of

that amount there has been paid out $1,046,22, leaving a balance in the Treasury of $23,98. The account of M. Kieffer & Co., including balance due them last year, for printing Minutes, amounts to $607,69, as per exhibit. This balance, when added to the balance due the Treasurer on the loan for the liquidation of the balance due on the Seventeen Thousand Dollar Scheme, will make the sum of $767,68, which must be provided for, in addition to the sum necessary to meet the current expenses of Synod. It will, therefore, become necessary for Synod to provide the necessary means, by increasing the apportionment among the several Classes

There is a large balance due by the various Classes, a statement of which is furnished, amounting to $582,35. Of this fund, every year a large amount remains unpaid. The Classes thus delinquent should be required to pay promptly their annual apportionments. On the Cook legacy there has been received $108,00 interest, which has been paid. It is very manifest, that the annual expenses of Synod must necessarily increase, from year to year. Such is the experience of all Churches, who make any progress whatever in the way of enlargement. It will, therefore, be well for Synod to look at the matter seriously and adopt the necessary measures to meet the growing contingency.

Prompt payment is indispensable on the part of Classes in order that these expenses be met. Although solemn pledges were made by delinquent Classes on the $17,000, nothing has been paid except $50,00 by the Classis of Mercersburg.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM HEYSER, *Treas. of Synod.*

Sept. 23, 1861.

The Synod of the German Reformed Church in account with WILLIAM HEYSER, *Treasurer.*

1860.	CR.		
Oct. 14	By balance in Treasury at settlement,		$273,67
Nov. 17	cash from dividends Hagerstown Bank,		21,42
1861.	"	per George Z. Kunkle,	57,00
Jan. 16	"	interest Peter Cook's estate,	72,00
Feb. 13	"	Philadelphia Classis, per Rev. Bomberger,	56,83
Apr. 6	"	interest Peter Cook's estate,	36,00
May 8	"	Lebanon Classis, per Rev. I. Miese,	5,00
22	"	" " " F. W. Kremer,	45,86
29	"	Mercersburg Classis, per Rev. S. R. Fisher,	60,00
	"	Zions Classis, per W. A. Wilt,	58,00
June 5	"	Goshenhoppen Classis, per Rev. A. J. Dubs,	40,85
12	"	Lancaster Classis, per Rev. I. Gerhart,	29,75
		Carried over,	$775,93

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1861.		Brought over,	$775,93
July 10	By cash per	Rev. Rebaugh, from Mercersburg Classis,	50,00
17	"	East Susquehanna, per W. H. Frymire,	47,50
	"	New York Classis, per G. Bachman,	14,00
	"	Maryland Classis, per Rev. W. F. Colliflower,	80,00
	"	Lindsay & Blakiston, bonus on Liturgy,	26,10
24	"	West Susq. Classis, per J. A. Mertz,	38,25
	"	Philadelphia Classis, per Dr. Bomberger,	38,42
			$1,070,20

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1860.			
Oct. 13	To cash paid	Rev. C. Cast, Liturgical Com.,	$10,00
20	" "	Mr. Bresslin, printing tickets,	1,25
Nov. 21	" "	Bank of Chambersburg, on loan,	57,05
1861.	" "	Rev. H. Harbaugh, expenses to Synod of Ohio,	10,00
Jan. 16	" "	Geo. Besore, interest P. Cook's estate,	72,00
Feb. 19	" "	Bank of Chambersburg, on loan,	56,00
Apr. 6	" "	Geo. Besore, interest P. Cook's estate,	36,00
May 17	" "	Rev. N. Gehr, translating minutes,	30,00
23	" "	Bank of Chambersburg, on loan,	55,48
Aug. 24	" "	" " "	179,31
Sept. 17	" "	M. Kieffer & Co., printing Minutes,	351,09
	" "	Rev. S. R. Fisher, Stated Clerk,	75,00
	" "	Dr. P. Schaff, expenses to Synod of Ohio,	35,00
	" "	Wm. Heyser, book for Trustees and postage,	1,37
	" "	M. Kieffer & Co.,	76,67
		Balance in Treasury,	23,98
			$1,070,20

Loan from Bank of Chambersburg per resolution of Synod.

1860.	Aug. 20	To amount of loan,	$500,00
		discount advanced,	7,83
			$507,83
		By amount of payments,	347,84
		Balance due Treasurer,	$159,99

Amount due by Classes on the Contingent Fund.

East Pennsylvania Classis	for 1858—'59 and '60,		$200,00
West Susquehanna	"	1860,	1,75
Lebanon	"	"	19,64
Lancaster	"	'59 and '60,	75,25
Zions	"	1860,	32,00
Goshenhoppen	"	'59 and '60,	65,05
Philadelphia	"	'58, '59 and '60,	94,66
Virginia	"	'59 and '60,	47,00
Clarion	"	1860,	27,00
St. Paul's	"	1860,	20,00
		Balance due,	$582,35

Account of M. Kieffer & Co., Printing.

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1860.	Oct. 8	To printing specimen copies Child's Catechism,	$ 14,00
	10	" English and German Minutes,	685,00
	Dec. 4	" 3000 English copies "	407,00
		" 2000 German " "	317,00
		Amount postage stamps,	16,00
			$1,439,00

CR.

1860.	Oct. 10	By cash Wm. Heyser, Treasurer,	$403,55	
1861.	Sep. 17	" " "	351,09	
	24	" " "	76,67	$831,31
		Balance due,		$607,69

The Committee on Minutes of Synod submitted the following report, which was received, and disposed of item by item:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes beg leave to submit the following items of unfinished business, as found in the Minutes of the last year:

Item 1, page 24. A resolution recommending to the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College to place in their field an efficient agent, with an adequate salary, to secure the amount of $30,000 either in cash or bond, on or before the 1st of Oct. 1862.

Item 2, page 51. The appointment of Delegates to Corresponding Bodies:

(a.) Rev. Dr. P. Schaff and Rev. J. H. Derr to the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States.

(b.) Rev. S. H. Reid and Rev. T. G. Apple to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

(c.) Rev. Dr. P. Schaff, and Rev. D. Y. Heisler to the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

(d.) Rev. N. Gehr and Rev. P. S. Fisher to the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States.

Item 3, page 53. A resolution appointing a special committee consisting of the Rev. John S. Foulk, S. H. Reid, D. Gans, and Elders Dr. S. B. Keiffer and Charles Santee, to take into consideration the request of Clarion Classis to Synod to establish an Orphan Asylum.

Item 4, page 96. A resolution requesting the committee appointed to organize a Sunday School Association of the German Reformed Church to report at this meeting of Synod. The committee consists of Rev. Charles H. Leinbach, W. E. Krebs, J. H. Duba, and Elders S. B. Keiffer and Wm. Heyser.

Item 5, page 96. A resolution requesting the Stated Clerk

to send each minister in the Church and also each lay delegate to Synod, a copy of the Minutes of Synod as soon as they are published: and further that the copies intended for the several Classes be sent by the Stated Clerk to some two or three prominent points in each Classis.

Item 6, page 98. A resolution directing the St. Paul's Classis to meet at Hartstown, Crawford Co., Pa., on Thursday the 17th of January 1861, at 6 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of organizing a new Classis, and that Rev. S. N. Callender preach the opening sermon.

Item 7, page 100. The continuation of the committee appointed to prosecute the suit against Ex-Sheriff Duncan, York county, Pa.

Item 8, page 101. A resolution recommending to the different churches within the bounds of the Synod, to take up a collection, at some suitable time during the year, for the use of the Theological Library.

Item 9, page 101. A resolution earnestly urging upon delinquent Classes to meet their apportionment of the Seminary debt.

Item 10, page 102. A resolution requesting, that, in the different churches within the bounds of Synod, earnest and immediate efforts be made in behalf of the pressing claims of Beneficiary Education.

Item 11, page 108. A resolution recommending to the Classis of Virginia to assume the $250, required to complete the scheme for the endowment of the Theological Tutorship, so as to raise the amount to $11,000.

Item 12, page 111. A resolution directing the delinquent Classes to make arrangements, at their next annual meetings, to pay the amount still due the Contingent Fund of Synod.

Item 13, page 111. A resolution directing the attention of the Board of Trustees to the resolution adopted by the Synod at Harrisburg, as an expression of her views in reference to the title to the Mansion House.

Item 14, page 112. A resolution sending down proposed amendments to the Constitution to the several Classes for their rejection or adoption.

Item 15, page 112. A resolution requesting the committee on the creation of a Triennial General Synod of the whole Church, appointed by the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, to submit the proposed amendments of the Constitution to their Synod, and endeavor to secure its co-operation in carrying out the objects aimed at in them.

Item 16, page 118. A resolution referring to the Classes of East Pennsylvania and Goshenhoppen the difficulties existing

between them, and requesting them to adjust these difficulties by agreeing upon some definite boundary line.

Item 17, page 119. A resolution authorizing the Trustees of Synod to receive a mortgage for the amount of money collected for the second German Reformed Church at Reading, Pa.

Item 18, page 120. A resolution submitting the Provisional Liturgy to the several Classes of this Synod for their examination and requesting them to report their views upon the same at this meeting of Synod.

Item 19, page 121. A resolution authorizing the committee on the German Liturgy to publish the translation they prepared, and issue it in a provisional form among the German churches, with the understanding that this Synod be not held responsible for the expenses attending its publication.

Item 20, page 121. A resolution instructing the committee on the Tricentennial celebration of the Heidelburg Catechism to carry out the several measures proposed.

Item 21, page 124. A resolution instructing the Stated Clerk to have 3,000 copies of the Proceedings of Synod published in the English language, and 2,000 copies in the German language, and distributed amongst those entitled to receive them.

Item 22 page 124. The appointment of an Assistant Editorial Committee, consisting of the Rev. Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, Daniel Gans, Dr. Elias Heiner, Thomas G. Apple. S. H. Reid, and John Beck.

Respectfully submitted,
SAMUEL PHILIPS, *Chairman.*

Item 1 of the above report was laid on the table for the present.

Item 2. The following report was received from the delegate to the Synod of the German Reformed Church of Ohio and adjacent States:

Your delegate to the Western Synod of our Church had the pleasure of attending its last annual meeting held in the month of May at Delaware, Ohio. In the absence of the President, he was requested to preach the opening sermon in English, also the communion sermon in German, and remained to the close of the sessions. He was treated with cordial courtesy and kindness and felt at home among our Western brethren, many of whom are old friends and pupils. The meeting was characterized by a Christian spirit, and unbroken harmony in all the more important subjects of deliberation. An agreeable feature was the marked attention of the President and Faculty of Wesleyan University, the largest Methodist institution in the West, who invited your delegate to deliver a literary and a

religious lecture before a crowded audience and conducted the Synod in a body through the buildings, library and cabinet of the institution.

Your delegate was favorably impressed with the fact that the Western Synod is now far more homogeneous in its character and composition than it was at any former period. The number and influence of ministers are steadily increasing, and the value of a regular preparation for this most important and responsible office seems to be generally appreciated. The first generation of ministers, the pioneers of our Church in the West, has nearly passed away, but their memory and the fruits of their self-denying labors remain. The second generation consists of self-educated ministers of Western birth and of graduates of our Eastern institutions in the full vigor of manhood, who combine with the missionary zeal of their predecessors a higher degree of theological information and social influence, and are now bearing the heat and burden of the day. To this must be added a third class, the rising generation of of ministers from the literary institutions of Tiffin, who seem to be animated by the proper spirit, and labor in perfect harmony with their brethren from the East for the external spread and internal consolidation of the German Reformed Church in the vast valley of the Mississippi. Several of these young brethren are evidently men of great promise and will more than repay all the trouble and expense spent upon the Western College and Seminary. A more ample endowment, however, is greatly needed to place these institutions on a permanent foundation and to increase their efficiency.

An important step towards this end was made at the last Synodical meeting by the establishment of a German professorship in the Seminary, which is urgently demanded by the growing wants of the large German missionary field in the West. The agency of a devoted lay member of Swiss descent, who has already shown a most noble zeal and peculiar qualification for the endowment of Heidelberg College, was secured to raise the necessary funds without delay. The Synod, influenced by the consideration that the actual presence of a professor would double the zeal for completing the endowment, and encouraged by some tangible pledges of a few liberal members securing the payment of the salary of the new professor for one year, unanimously called the celebrated divine, the Rev. Dr. Augustus Ebrard of Erlangen, to the new professorship. From a private letter of Dr. Ebrard I learned a few days ago, that for satisfactory reasons he does not feel it his duty to accept the call, but duly appreciates the confidence placed in him and offers his active co-operation in securing a suitable man from Germany or Switzerland for the responsible post. The two worthy commissioners elected by the Synod of *Ohio, are* clothed with discretionary powers to that end, and

will no doubt succeed, if their brethren back them by proper exertions.

Next to the education cause and the elevation of the standard of ministerial education and efficiency, the vast home missionary field justly claimed the chief attention of the Synod. It is becoming more and more awake to its important trust in this respect and manifests its interest practically by increased contributions to the support of missionaries and the building of churches. It is an encouraging fact, that the large cities of the West have at last begun to claim a share at least of the attention which they so richly deserve. The missionary churches in Pittsburg, Cincinnati and Indianapolis have proved a decided success. But Chicago, St. Louis, Milwaukie and other Western cities which teem with a large German population, are unfortunately still unoccuped by our Church. The true missionary policy is indicated by the triumphant march of Apostolic Christianity from Jeruslam, the capital of Judaism, to Rome, the capital of heathenism. Our Church can never exert a commanding social influence, until it has a stronger foothold in the capitals of the country from Boston and New York to St. Francisco.

The German element has of late years grown rapidly in the Western Synod, especially in Ohio and in Wisconsin. This increase led to what some regard as an "irrepressible conflict" of the two languages, but it should rather be a noble and friendly rivalry of brethren of the same faith and the same interests. Both languages are but means to an end and should be encouraged and cultivated just in proportion as they subserve the Church. It is hardly avoidable that, in a country like ours, the English language with its advantages for purposes of business must ultimately predominate in an ecclesiastical assembly even of German descent. But while the Synod and the Classes will always attend to the official business of the Church, the reasonable wants of our German brethren can and should be met by free conferences conducted exclusively in the German language, and, like the pastoral conferences of Germany and Switzerland, devoted only to theological and spiritual interests. This is a more feasible way of meeting the difficulty under consideration than the establishment of a separate German Synod proposed by some. I am happy to add, that at the last meeting of Synod the English and German brethren moved along in brotherly harmony in all the more important questions, especially the one relating to the new German professorship.

Sectional jealousies and suspicions seem likewise to disappear more and more. Our Church should know no East and West, but, one in faith and discipline, she should go forth with one heart and mind to unfold her banner of peace and good will

toward men, wherever the Lord directs her in this promising harvest field of the new world.

The Western Synod unanimously adopted the proposed amendments to the Constitution creating a Triennial General Synod. This improvement is necessary to complete the unity of our external organization. Under the blessing of God it will make the Church more efficient in all the general enterprizes, such as home and foreign missions, denominational publications and ecclesiastical correspondence, and will cement the Eastern and Western portions of the Church more closely together in the bonds of Christian brotherhood and active co-operation for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP SCHAFF.

Mercersburg, Pa., Sept. 23, 1861.

The following report was received from the delegate to the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania:

The undersigned, according to the duty assigned him, attended the last annual meeting of the above named body, held during the week succeeding Trinity Sunday in the St. James church, Philadelphia, and was cordially received. A copy of the minutes of our last Synod was transmitted to the President of the Ministerium, but no other commission received of this Synod. The Rev. B. Schmucker, from Allentown, was elected, to represent the Ministerium before this body.

Very respectfully,

N. GEHR,

Easton, Sept. 27, 1861.

The following report was received from the delegate to the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church:

Owing to the outbreak of the civil war the meeting of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States which was to take place at Lancaster in the month of May last, was indefinitely postponed, and it is not likely that it will be held at all during the present year.

Your delegate therefore had no opportunity to represent your reverend body before our sister denomination.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP SCHAFF.

Mercersburg, Pa., Sept. 13, 1861.

No report was received from the delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (N. S.).

Item 3. The following report was received from the committee referred to in this item, and adopted:

The committee appointed at the last annual meeting of Syn-

od, on the request of Clarion Classis, "to take into consideration the propriety of establishing an Orphan Asylum," respectfully report:

That the subject brought to the notice of the Rev. Synod is certainly one presenting strong claims. In the language of the Classis "the subject is *consistent, timely*, and *important*.

That the Church should not only care for her prosperity, but especially for the prosperity of those entrusted to her care and supervision, is not only Christian and moral, but it is natural, and that she has omitted, if not forgotten too much of this primitive virtue, can scarcely be doubted, and that she loses and has lost much on the side of popular feeling, in the way of influence and Christian element, is also true. Not only are the reproaches many, which are heaped upon her, but her very character as Christian is often called into question. And as a consequence not only sects have brought themselves into notice and made proselytes, but the world also has turned pious and tried to imitate the vesture of the Christian, because of his remissness. To meet this reproach it is not enough to say, that it is copied from the life and practice of the Church. This doubtless is true as it holds in history, and still obtains in Europe and in this country,—in the Roman Catholic Church and a few Protestant denominations. But where are the evidences that the practice still obtains among us? Where are our hospitals, our houses of refuge, our homes for the orphan, and our receptacles for the poor, the lame, the halt, and the blind under Christian auspices and nurture? Echo answers, Where? Will we refer the gainsayer to our homes or families? Alas! how small is the number where even our own blood relations, fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers in age and decrepitude,—in sickness and deprivation can find shelter, to say nothing of a home, and parental or filial attention and nursing. How numerous are the instances, where aged and infirm parents, to say nothing of brothers, sisters and friends, are hurried remorselessly to the poor house, or left to the charities of neighbors and friends, or left to rove strangers in a strange land! Simply for *consistency's sake*, therefore, if not for the first mark of Christian character, the subject claims consideration.

The matter is *timely*, because it is on all sides felt that it has claims, and primary claims upon us. "The poor ye have always with you," seems to be heard by every one. Christianity in our day is measured by its charity and mercy, and these begin at home. "He that provideth not for his own and especially for those of his own house, has denied the faith and is worse than an infidel." This is felt to apply not only to the individual member, but equally forcibly also to the individual congregation and denomination. And who will say, that it is not right? If right and felt—felt as a culpable want, then it is time that it should be *remedied*.

It is *timely*, because Christians and men of the world look with so much respect and regard upon this subject. Experience teaches, that these men are not only willing to give this subject their thoughts, but their time and their means also. Many beyond the pales of the Church seem to feel that "charity covereth a multitude of sins," and they will be covered now as they have already been in many instances, by this crowning virtue. And when they come under the fostering care and supervision of the Church, we may not only gain their means, but themselves also as trophies of redeeming grace. It is believed, therefore, that the subject would receive a hearty response everywhere, and win confidence and favor for the Church, as well as large patronage for the object in question.

The *importance* will at once appear, not only from what has already been said, but from the very nature of the subject. The Reformed Church has acquired for herself a very refreshing reputation, in the way of consistency, purity of doctrine and practice, in activity and earnestness, in charity under the usual form, and a self-sacrificing form of piety and life, and is thus fully prepared to enter upon this mission of mercy as a crowning virtue. She will thus complete the catalogue of marks by which the world will feel and know that she is the blessed spouse of her glorious Head, the Lord Jesus Christ. It will nerve and strengthen her in all her other kindred operations of benevolence. It will secure confidence and respect on every side, and increase her energies and her influence. She will thus be on her true mission. She will thus go to visit the sick and the fatherless, gathering them in thousands from streets and lanes, from cellars and dungeons, from cities and thoroughfares, from every form of suffering, to a peaceful and blessed home, the prelude and medium of a more glorious and richer home above.

The committee have considered it due to the Clarion Classis to permit her to lay before this Synod the claims which an Orphan Asylum has upon her serious consideration. It is the solemn duty of the Church to provide for her poor and wretched,—her friendless and suffering. These ought not to be confided to other hands—to organized institutions over which the Church has no control. In the primitive ages of Christianity so powerfully did the love of God, shed abroad in the soul, operate, that it led many opulent individuals to sell their possessions for the relief of the poor, and the support of those who belonged to the household of faith. From the Apostolic writings we learn, that every believer laid by him in store on the first day of the week, whatever he could afford to give for the promotion of these important ends, even as God had prospered him. St. Paul commends in the strongest terms the liberality of the Church of Macedonia, which in circumstances of great affliction contributed to the utmost of their power, and even

beyond their power, to promote the cause of Christ, and the good of their fellow-creatnres. After the days of the Apostles, we learn from the page of history, that the same minute attention was paid by the followers of Jesus to works of beneficence and mercy. The emperor Julian, the inveterate enemy of Christianity, mentions to the reproach of the worshippers of his own gods, that the impious Galileans, for so he termed the Christians, not only provided for their own poor, but even for the poor of the heathen, among whom they lived. Amid all the ignorance and vice which in subsequent times have prevailed in the lands that are called Christian, the Church has had her institutions for the support of the indigent and the aged,—for the relief of the sick and the afflicted,—and for mitigating the various distresses incident to man in this sublunary state. It has been reserved for these latter days—and by those who boast that *Protestantism is the religion of the Bible,*—to neglect, and even to justify themselves in neglecting the poor and the suffering of their own household.

The Clarion Classis has certainly taken steps in the right direction. And she has been most happy too in her selection of an Institution of deep and most engrossing interest, which should awaken our tenderest sympathy, and which demands our best exertions. The very mention of an Orphan Asylum brings with it a long train of melancholy associations, conjures up a host of dismal and distressing images, and forces upon us the idea of all that is most unwelcome and overwhelming to the feelings of our nature. By alluding to the peculiar affliction involved in the very word *orphan*, an appeal is uttered, which should come home to the bosom of every Christian parent, and carry along with it at once his understanding and his heart. What earthly ties so intimate and endearing as those which attach parents to the family of which they are the head? And what earthly calamity so disastrous and deplorable as that which the dissolution of those ties necessarily entails on the children? When they lose their parents, they have no guide to direct them, no guardian to defend them, no instructor to teach them, no counsellor to advise them, no example to go before them, no intercessor to pray for them, and though last, it is, in some respects, not the least aggravation of the calamity, that they have no provider to feed them. Ought the Church, in which the parents lived and died, and before whose altars they consecrated their children to the Triune God in Holy Baptism, to be insensible to their wants, or deaf to their cries? Deprived of all visible means of support, how shall these orphans bear the load of duty and difficulty that has devolved upon them, mortified by the coldness, and discouraged by the neglect of an unfeeling world? They have a refuge, indeed, in the power and providence of Him, with whom the fatherless find *mercy, and* whose voice of compas-

sion speaks to them in these animating words: "Leave thy fatherless children, and I will preserve them." But this promise so full of consolation to the soul, cannot, without human instrumentality, be made available to the relief of the body. God has, however, provided suitable instrumentality in the willing obedience of his people. He has assigned to them the high privilege of being the consecrated channels of his bounty. He has made it their duty to act for him, and to feed, in a temporal as well as a spiritual sense, these lambs of the flock.

The claims of such an institution upon the charities of God's people cannot be gainsayed or disputed. Not only does humanity plead for those who have been left orphans, but piety demands that a home, and food, and clothing, and medicine, and instruction, should be provided for them. *To what better use could the Seminary buildings at Mercersburg be devoted should the Church resolve to locate its Theological school elsewhere?* In such an event, a splendid opportunity would be presented, and ought by no means to be neglected, to found an institution, into which the orphan children of those who have lived and died in the German Reformed Church might be collected, and where under the fostering care of suitable persons, appointed by the Church, they might grow up an honor to themselves, a blessing to society, and an ornament to the Church. The committee are by no means insensible to the difficulties in the way of founding and putting into successful operation an Asylum for orphans. But if a single individual like Augustus Hermann Francke, without any funds in hand, or any human source from which to draw,—with no other support than simple *trust in God*,—could undertake and at last bring into successful operation an establishment as extensive as almost any other of its kind in Europe, surely the German Reformed Church ought not to be alarmed by the obstacles that rise up like mountains in the way. The Orphan House at Halle shows what simple faith in God can do, and how means apparently the most insignificant may be crowned with extensive and blessed results.

As the establishment of such an Institution with us would necessarily have to be a work of time, and should command the approbation, and secure the hearty co-operation of all our Classes, the committee would present the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the establishment of an Orphan Asylum be referred to the several Classes of this Synod, and that they report their views as to the propriety and feasibility of the undertaking to the next meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. FOULK, *Chairman.*

Item. 4. The following report was received from the committee referred to in this item:

Your committee to whom was referred the request of the West Susquehanna Classis relative to the organization of a Sunday School Association, and also the request from the Lancaster Classis relative to a Sabbath School Hymn book, beg leave to present the following report:

The chairman, by correspondence, solicited the views of all the members of the committee, and in addition, we held a meeting at Harrisburg.

The committee is fully sensible of the importance of the subjects committed to their consideration, and entirely agreed:

1. As to the need of a thorough reformation in the Sabbath School cause, and hence of the propriety of organizing a Sabbath School Association.

2. It should be made the duty of such Association (a) To bring about a more thorough and complete organization and classification of our Sunday Schools. (b) More uniformity as to the manner of conducting them. (c) Wherever it is practicable, bring them under the immediate care of the Church—if possible, under the supervision of the consistory. At present many of the Superintendents and teachers are not actual Christians, and as a matter of course, have no proper idea of the Church, and therefore are not qualified for the posts which they occupy in the Sabbath School. (d) A thorough revision of the books in use at present, inasmuch as many of them are of the most trifing nature, frequently of doubtful character as far as doctrine is concerned, and in some instances, amount in fact to *moral tales and religious novels.* Owing to a conviction of this fact, on the part of some of our ministers and lay members, they have actually gone so far as to exclude from their Schools the publications of the Sunday School Union, and have introduced the books issued by the Protestant Episcopal Publication Society and of the Presbyterian Board of Publication. But it should also be understood, that this Association is to furnish a suitable Sabbath School literature in the way of library books of a churchly character—suitable Hymn books and Catechisms, and if possible, have under its care and superintendence the publication of our Sunday School papers.

As a Church, we profess to lay much stress on *Educational religion*, and view the Sabbath School as a nursery of the Church, and therefore should give the most earnest heed to the solemn injunction of our blessed Saviour, when he says: "Feed my lambs." According to this declaration, it is the imperative duty of the Church to instruct her baptized children in the doctrines of the Gospel, and in this way, in connection with catechetical instruction, prepare them for full membership of the Church. When we take into consideration the vast multi-

tudes that assemble on every Lord's day in our Sabbath School rooms, and the facilities thus afforded the Church to "*feed the lambs*," who does not see at a glance, the immense importance of such a work, and especially the duty of the Church to furnish the instrumentalities necessary for the accomplishment of these desirable ends, and thus bring about this loudly called for reformation in the Sabbath School cause?

We hesitate not in saying, that the Church is abundantly able to furnish the necessary means to her children, both in a mental and pecuniary point of view, if she has the will so to do. But whilst your committee is fully convinced of the desirableness and importance of creating such an Association, believing that it would be the means of accomplishing an immense amount of good in our belovod Zion, we are also aware of the difficulties that are in the way. In the present distracted and depressed condition of our country, where are the funds to come from to carry out such an enterprise? These are indispensably necessary, and many of our members will, no doubt, say, under the existing state of things, it will be utterly impossible to raise funds for such an undertaking. We admit, there is much force in this objection, but what then is to be done? Shall we drop the subject entirely or postpone it indefinitely? We greatly doubt the propriety of such a course. We would, therefore, in view of the foregoing considerations, recommend to Synod the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Synod take preparatory steps towards the organization of a Sunday School Association, to which shall be entrusted the superintendence of the entire Sunday School interests of our Church, and that said Association be under the general control and supervision of Synod.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed with instructions to prepare and submit to Synod, at its next annual meeting, a constitution for the proper and final organization and government of said Sabbath School Association.

Resolved, That the Sunday School Hymn book prepared by Rev. Henry Harbaugh, D. D., and lately published by the St. John's German Reformed church of Lebanon, Pa., be recommended to the favorable attention of Synod, and that a committee be appointed to examine the work and report upon it to this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. LEINBACH, *Chairman.*

Harrisburg, Pa., Sept. 24, 1861.

After considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the whole subject embraced in this report, be referred to the consideration of the Triennial General Synod about to be created.

Item 5. The following report was received from the Stated Clerk of Synod and adopted:

The undersigned respectfully reports:

That, in accordance with the instructions of Synod, he caused 3,000 copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the last annual Synod to be published in the English language, and 2,000 copies in the German language, and distributed them amongst those entitled to receive them as follows: East Pennsylvania Classis, 566 German and 265 English; Lebanon Classis, 100 German and 50 English; Maryland Classis, 50 German and 450 English; North Carolina Classis, 7 English; Philadelphia Classis, 84 German and 225 English; Mercersburg Classis, 25 German and 258 English; Goshenhoppen Classis, 200 German and 100 English; Lancaster Classis, 87 German and 108 English; Virginia Classis, 55 English; New York Classis, 32 German and 14 English; East Susquehanna Classis, 170 German and 258 English; West Susquehanna Classis, 197 German and 203 English; Clarion Classis, 177 German and 316 English; Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, 13 German and 185 English; Corresponding members and officers of Boards, 12 English; making a total of 1,714 copies German and 2,601 copies English, and leaving on hand 286 copies German, and 399 copies English. The average cost of the German edition was 15 17-20 cents per copy, and of the English edition 13 17-30 cents per copy. An expense of $16 was incurred for postage on advance copies sent by mail, as directed by Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk.*

The report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod was at this point laid on the table, to admit of the reception of the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes.

The presence of the Rev. Dr. Gray, of the Presbyterian Church, of the Rev. C. H. Edgar, of the Reformed Dutch Church, and of the Rev. Joseph J. Elsegood, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, was announced.

Rev. John Gantenbein obtained leave of absence until Tuesday morning's session.

The following report was received from the Committee on Minutes of Classes:

The Committee appointed to examine the minutes of the different Classes connected with Synod, respectfully present the following report:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

1.) The minutes of Lebanon Classis report the names of the chairmen only of the standing *committees*, from which it does

not appear, that there were any elders on those committees, as required by the constitution.

2.) Virginia and North Carolina Classes failed to send any minutes of their proceedings.

3.) The report of the committee on Examination and Licensure of the Lancaster Classis is not in accordance with the form of such report specified by the Constitution, which requires that the report shall merely mention whether the examination is satisfactory or not, without specifying any particulars.

4.) St. Paul's and Zions Classes failed to furnish Synod with a full report of their proceedings as required by the constitution, in not recording all the reports of their committees, and Lebanon Classis in failing to record the report of the committee on Examination and Licensure.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1.) Mercersburg Classis respectfully requests Synod to apportion the number of minutes published among the different Classes in proportion to the amount assessed on the several Classes for contingent fund.

2.) The same Classis requests Synod to alter the boundary line between Mercersburg and Zions Classes so as to allow Miller's congregation to be included in the bounds of the Mercersburg Classis.

3.) The same Classis respectfully requests Synod to alter the Constitution, 49th Art., 2nd part, 2nd Chap. 2nd Sec. so as to require a written parochial report from each minister embracing a satisfactory answer in substance among others to the five questions specified in the above article, and supercede the necessity of addressing the same questions by the President to each minister and elder, except where the written report is defective or needs confirmation or correction from the elder.

4.) Clarion Classis requests Synod to lessen its appropriation to the Synodical Fund.

5.) The same Classis requests Synod to add another column to the Statistical Table for benevolent contributions.

6.) East Susquehanna Classis requests Synod to confirm the change in the boundary line between the East and West Susquehanna Classes giving the Selinsgrove congregation to the latter Classis.

7.) West Susquehanna Classis makes the same request.

8.) Lancaster Classis requests the attention of Synod to the inequality of the apportionment of Contingent expenses.

9.) East Pennsylvania Classis requests Synod to require the Goshenhoppen Classis to remove Rev. A. J. G. Dubs from the Saucon congregation.

10.) Goshenhoppen Classis complains of the injustice of the action of Synod of last year touching the request of said Classis to change the boundary line between it and East Pennsylvania Classis.

11.) St. Paul's Classis requests Synod to take measures for changing the Constitution so that it may not conflict with the spirit and plan of the Provisional Liturgy.

12.) The same Classis requests Synod either to reduce the apportionment to the Contingent Fund of Synod for this Classis, or else increase the amount of those Classes whose membership is much larger than theirs.

13.) West Susquehanna Classis requests Synod to order the attachment of an index of melodies to the new German Hymn Book, as in the so called Chambersburg Hymn Book.

III. APPEALS.

1.) Notification of an appeal by Elder Israel Loucks of the York English charge from the action of Zion's Classis in regard to a proposed change in the German charge of York, Pa.

2.) An appeal taken by Rev. P. S Davis from the action of Philadelphia Classis on the adoption of certain resolutions in regard to the Provisional Liturgy. Pages 9–10, Minutes Philadelphia Classis.

3.) An appeal by Rev. J. H. Derr from the action of East Pennsylvania Classis at a special meeting held in Allentown, Sep. 3rd, 1861, in reference to the appointment of a Trustee for the German Reformed church in Allentown—the Classis ruling that it could not consider the matter inasmuch as it was a secular matter.

IV. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

1.) Mercersburg, St. Paul's, East Susquehanna, Clarion, East Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland, Philadelphia, West Susquehanna, Zion's and Lancaster Classes approved the proposed change of the Constitution creating a Triennial General Synod. Goshenhoppen Classis decided against the proposed change, and the Lebanon Classis resolved that they were not prepared to take any action in the matter for the present.

2.) Mercersburg, Maryland, West Susquehanna, St. Paul's, East Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, East Pennsylvania, New York, Lancaster, Zion's, Lebanon, and Clarion Classes agreed to the adoption of the German Hymn Book prepared and published by Rev. Dr. Schaff, and Philadelphia Classis resolved that Synod be requested to allow the German Hymn Book to remain in its present state for thirty years without alterations.

3.) Mercersburg, Maryland, West Susquehanna, East Susquehanna, Clarion, Lancaster, Lebanon, Zion's and St. Paul's Classes complied with the resolution of Synod in regard to

adding a new column in the Statistical Table for the average number of Sabbath school scholars. Goshenhoppen Classis opposes the measure. New York, East Pennsylvania, and Philadelphia Classes took no action.

4.) The Classes all took action in reference to the Provisional Liturgy. The action generally is favorable to the general plan and spirit of the Liturgy and is as follows:

MARYLAND CLASSIS.

Whereas, it is evident from a mutual interchange of opinion, that in its present form the Liturgy is not fully adapted to the wants of the Church, therefore

Resolved, That Synod be respectfully requested to refer the Provisional Liturgy to the original Committee for revision.

Resolved, That in this revision, we as a Classis are of opinion that the wants of the Church would be more fully met by omitting the responses, and the declaration of the remission of sins, abridging some of its forms, and removing the dogmatic spirit in the form of Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and other forms, and adding a service for sea, thanksgiving and fast days.

PHILADELPHIA CLASSIS.

1. *Resolved*, That we approve of the Liturgy which the Synod has submitted to the examination and provisional use of the Church, regarded as a whole, and believe that with such modifications and changes, as it was allowed from the first issue of the book, might be found necessary and expedient, it may be readily adapted to the views and wants of our Church at large.

2. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Classis the Provisional Liturgy now before us, would more fully suit the judgment and convictions of our membership at large, if some of the responses found in the devotional services, (the Litany and the answers in the Baptismal and Confirmation services excepted) were erased, and if the several sacramental forms were made more simple in their order, and more devotional in their style, and if certain doctrinal expressions in the so-called form of absolution and in the Baptismal service were so far modified as to make them more fully accord with the Heidelberg Catechism, and the older Liturgies of the churches.

3. *Resolved*, That some additional prayers for special occasions would enhance the value and usefulness of the book.

4. *Resolved*, That it is our conviction that it would prevent discord, and promote the peace and welfare of the Church, to dispose of this whole subject by referring the Provisional Liturgy to the original Committee for revision.

MERCERSBURG CLASSIS.

They consider it highly desirable that the Liturgy should be so framed as to meet the wants of all parts of the

Church, and most fervently pray that such wisdom and discretion may be given to us as a Church in the preparation of this work, as that the unity of the spirit may be preserved in the bonds of peace in all portions of our beloved Zion. We would therefore recommend the following action for the consideration of the Classis:

Resolved, That, whilst we approve of the general plan of the Liturgy, we think it needs a careful revision with a view to a modification in the following particulars:

1.) A number of the forms are too lengthy, such as the form of Administration of the Lord's Supper, etc.

2.) Responses ought to be omitted from the burial services, and to some extent from other forms also

3.) Phrases are used in the forms of baptism both infant and adult, which are susceptible of being misconstrued, and which ought therefore to be modified. The same remark applies to the form of absolution used in several places.

4.) The questions, in the form of ordination to the Holy Ministry, require subscription to other Creeds besides the Apostles' Creed, and also seem necessarily to connect the communication and reception of the gift of the Holy Ghost directly with the act of ordination itself, which peculiarity ought to be avoided.

ST. PAUL'S CLASSIS.

Resolved, That St. Paul's Classis is fully satisfied with the general spirit and plan of the Provisional Liturgy—that it is consistent with the standard of the doctrines and customs in the same, and that Synod be respectfully requested to continue the same, and to make such improvements, by way of introducing forms for Church organizations—for ecclesiastical meetings—for Harvest Festivals—for times of war, famine and pestilence, and such other additions and modifications as may not materially interfere with its general principles.

CLARION CLASSIS.

Resolved, That inasmuch as the German edition of the Liturgy has not yet appeared, and the German brethren of the Church have not as yet enjoyed the same privilege in the way of trial, the Classis of Clarion, though heartily in favor of the Liturgy, deems its reference for revision and final adoption to the Classes premature, and that this Classis requests Synod to continue the Liturgy in its provisional form yet for several years.

WEST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS.

Resolved, 1. That we are desirous that the *Provisional Liturgy* may remain in the Church in its present form for the term of ten years, as originally contemplated.

2. That in the event of Synod's decision to bring the matter to final action at an earlier day, we are willing that a revision of it be undertaken, with a view to its final adoption, but that in such case, in the *opinion of this Classis*, Synod should by all

means commit such work of revision into the hands of the *Liturgy Committee*, who, by their long continued study of the subject, must necessarily possess peculiar qualifications for so difficult and important a task, who would, no doubt, include such additional forms as the experience of the Church has indicated to be necessary to render it complete in all its parts, such as, for instance, forms to be used in time of *war* and *pestilence*, on *thanksgiving* and *fast days*, at *Harvest Home festivals*, at the *opening and closing of Synodical and Classical meetings, and for Sabbath schools.*

EAST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS.

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Classis *the Provisional Liturgy* is, in its essential basis, plan and reigning spirit, in its main features and characteristics, a happy and successful approximation towards the *desideratum.*

Resolved, Nevertheless we suggest the following amendments, *a*) No responses in the regular Sunday service. *b*) A curtailing of the communion service, and the infusion of a more devotional spirit. *c*) Less intricacy and complication throughout, and greater simplicity and brevity. *d*) A combination of the Liturgy and the enlarged Hymn Book. *e*) A prayer to be used in time of tumult and war, pestilence and extraordinary occasions.

ZIONS CLASSIS.

Resolved, That the new Provisional Liturgy, which has been sent down to Classes for examination, be sent back to Synod without an expression of views within the purview of Synod's resolution from this Classis upon the book in question; and for the reason that the Liturgy has not been long enough before the Church to have demonstrated at this time the fullest extent of its adaptedness to our denominational wants

Resolved further, That the constitutional questions at Baptism and Confirmation, and the prescribed form of the Liturgy for these services be adjusted judiciously by each minister.

LEBANON CLASSIS.

Resolved, That we approve of the general plan of the Provisional Liturgy and are willing that it shall remain in the Church in its present form till the expiration of the time originally assigned to its provisional form; if, however, Synod in its wisdom should think it best to have it presented to the Classes for final action as an authoritative work, before the ten years have expired, we fully acquiesce; in that case, it is our judgment that Synod should have it undergo a final revision by the original Committee, who are necessarily best acquainted with sources used, as well as the general spirit in which the work has thus far been completed; and further it is the opinion of this Classis, that in such final revision some services not now included, should be supplied, among which may be mentioned, a Harvest or Thanksgiving prayer, Collects for time of

War, Famine, and Pestilence, a service for Passion week, and services for opening and closing our ecclesiastical meetings.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

I. *Resolved*, That Classis respectfully requests Synod to recommit the Provisional Liturgy to the original committee for revision.

Resolved, That we approve of the general plan and substance of the Provisional Liturgy, but recommend the following modifications:

Resolved, That, whereas different passages are liable to be understood as teaching doctrines at variance with the Heidelberg Catechism, we recommend that they be modified or changed, so as not to be open to this objection; and that in making these changes, due regard be had to the Palatinate forms —such as being found on pp. 205, 213, 217 and elsewhere.

Resolved, That, in the judgment of this Classis, the four questions required by the Constitution to be affirmatively answered at Baptism and Confirmation, should be inserted in the Provisional Liturgy, and that the questions in said Liturgy on the same subject be modified in accordance with the suggestions of the resolution immediately preceding.

II. The following modifications are recommended:

a. A modification of the regular Lord's Day service.

b. A general condensation of the book, especially the introductory part of the service for the Lord's Supper, which should be less didactic, and more devotional.

c. The service for the reception of immigrants should be remodeled

d. A revision of the family prayers and hymns.

III. The following additional forms are recommended:

1) Prayer in time of War. 2) Prayer for Synod and Classis. 3) Prayer for a day of Thanksgiving. 4) Prayer for a day of Humiliation and Fasting. 5) Prayer for Harvest Festivals. 6) Prayer for Sabbath Schools.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA CLASSIS.

Resolved, That we request the Synod to continue the present Liturgy as a provisional Liturgy.

GOSHENHOPPEN CLASSIS.

Inasmuch as the new Liturgy has been only three years before the Church on trial; and inasmuch as it has been printed in the English language only and accordingly has been submitted only to the English portion of the Church, therefore

Resolved, That we as a Classis desire that the new Liturgy may be continued before the Church on trial for seven years longer.

Resolved, That we as a Classis desire to see the Liturgy printed in the German language, so that it can be given to the German and likewise *churchly portion* of our Church also,

and thus both portions of our Church, the German as well as the English, have an opportunity to act intelligently upon the final disposition of this important matter.

NEW YORK CLASSIS.

Resolved, That we as German ministers would vote upon such a Liturgy in the *German* language; but must refrain from passing judgment upon one in the English language.

5.) The Classes generally recommended the cause of Missions, Foreign and Domestic, and Beneficiary Education, in accordance with the instruction of Synod on this subject.

V. LICENSURE, ORDINATIONS, RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSIONS.

1.) Zion's Classis received Rev. S. Philips from the Mercersburg Classis and ordained Geo. E. Addams and Henry Mosser, licensed Mr. Jacob Kehm, and dismissed Rev. A. H. Kremer to the Classis of Lancaster.

2.) Lebanon Classis received Rev. Geo. Wolff from the East Susquehanna Classis.

3.) Lancaster Classis received Rev. A. H. Kremer from Zion's Classis, and licensed Mr. Charles Denues and Mr. Geo. Kurtzman for one year.

4.) Mercersburg Classis ordained the licentiate Mr. Wm R. H. Deatrick, received the licentiate Mr. Geo. R. Zacharias from Lebanon Classis and ordained him. Dismissed Rev. J. Riale to the Iowa Classis, the licentiate J. H. Wagner to the Classis of Maryland, Rev. S. Philips to the Classis of Zion, and Rev. C. Scheel to the St. Paul's Classis, and received Rev. Geo. W. Glessner from the Maryland Classis.

5.) Clarion Classis licensed Mr Henry M. Herman, dismissed Rev. L. Cort to the East Susquehanna Classis and received Rev. J. H. Apple from Lebanon Classis.

6.) East Susquehanna Classis dismissed Rev. J. B. Pörner to the Maryland Classis, and Rev. Geo. Wolff to Lebanon Classis, received Rev. Lucian Cort from Clarion Classis, and dismissed Rev. C. Z. Weiser to West Susquehanna Classis.

7.) West Susquehanna Classis received Rev. C. Z. Weiser from East Susquehanna Classis, and dismissed Rev. W. R. Yearick to the Goshenhoppen Classis.

8.) Maryland Classis dismissed Rev. G. W. Glessner to the Mercersburg Classis, the licentiate Charles Yeakel to the Classis of St. Joseph, and Rev. L. A. Brunner to the Lancaster Classis, Synod of Ohio. Received Rev. P. A. Schwartz from West Susquehanna Classis, Rev. J. B. Pörner from East Susquehanna Classis, and the licentiate J. H. Wagner from the Mercersburg Classis.

9.) Philadelphia Classis received Rev. S. H. Giesy from the Classis of Maryland, and Rev. W. G. Hackman from the Goshenhoppen Classis.

10.) East Pennsylvania Classis licensed Abraham Bartholomew.

11.) Goshenhoppen Classis received Rev. Wm. R. Yearick from Classis of West Susquehanna, and licensed P. B. Hoffman

12.) New York Classis received Rev. A. Schroeder from Classis of St. Joseph, and Rev. H. Bentz from the Classis of Illinois and ordained H. W. Stroes.

VI. ANNUAL MEETINGS OF CLASSES.

1.) Classis of Lancaster holds its next annual meeting at Maytown, Lancaster Co., Pa, May 22nd 1862, being the first Friday before Ascension day at half past 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev. W. T. Gerhard, President; Rev. Frederick A. Gast, Stated Clerk.

2.) Classis of Zion holds its next annual meeting at Shrewsburg, York Co., Pa., on the 2nd Friday in May, 1862, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev. J. O. Miller, President; Rev. E. H. Hoffheins, Stated Clerk.

3.) Lebanon Classis holds its next annual meeting in Emanuel's church, Hamburg, Berks Co., Pa., on Friday evening after Ascension day, at 8 o'clock, P. M. Rev. F. W. Kremer, President; Rev. Abraham Romich, Stated Clerk.

4.) Classis of Mercersburg will hold its next annual meeting in Bedford, Bedford Co, Pa., on Friday before the 3rd Sabbath in May, 1862, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. J. Hassler, President; Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, Stated Clerk.

5.) St. Paul's Classis holds its next annual meeting in St. Paul's church, Fairview township, Butler Co., Pa., on the 1st Thursday in June, 1862, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. Henry F. Hartman, President, and Rev. Lucian J Mayer, Secretary.

6.) Classis of Maryland holds its next annual meeting in Jefferson, Frederick Co., Md., Friday evening preceding the 3rd Sabbath in May, at 7 o'clock, P. M., 1862. Rev. J. S. Foulk, President; Rev. W. F. Colliflower, Stated Clerk.

7.) Philadelphia Classis holds its next annual meeting at Bethlehem church, in Kensington, Philadelphia, at 7 o'clock, P. on the first Tuesday after Whitsuntide. Rev. J. B. Knipe, President; Rev. G. D. Wolff, Secretary.

8.) East Pennsylvania Classis holds its next annual meeting at Catasaqua, Lehigh Co., Pa., on Tuesday before Ascension day, 1862, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Rev. J. S. Herman, President; Rev. J. Gantenbein, Secretary.

9.) Goshenhoppen Classis holds its next annual meeting at Boyerstown, Berks Co., Pa., on Tuerday after Ascension day at 10 o'clock, A. M. Rev. A. J. G. Dubs, President; Rev N. S. Strassburger, Stated Clerk.

10.) New York Classis holds its next annual meeting in Christ's church in Fayette, Seneca Co, New York, on Wed-

nesday after Whitsunday, 1862. Rev. J. F. Busche, President; Rev. W. Meyer, Secretary.

11. Clarion Classis holds its next annual meeting in Davis church, Valley township, Armstrong Co., Pa., on the last Thursday in May, 1862, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Rev. J. S. Shade, President; Rev. J. G. Shoemaker, Secretary.

12.) East Susquehanna Classis holds its next annual meeting, at Sunbury, Pa, on the fourth Thursday in May, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. D. W. Wolff, President; Rev. Wm. Goodrich, Stated Clerk.

13.) West Susquehanna Classis holds its next annual meeting at Boalsburg, Centre Co., Pa., on the third Thursday in May, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev. C. H. Leinbach, President; Rev. D. G. Klein, Stated Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

T. G. APPLE, *Chairman*

The items under the head of Appeals were taken up, and disposed of as follows:

Item 1 was referred to a committee to examine the documents and proceedings in the case, and if in order, to propose the order in which the appeal shall be prosecuted before Synod, consisting of the Rev. Thomas C. Porter, Thomas G. Apple, and Elder George Besore.

Item 2 was referred to a committee, for a similar purpose as the above, consisting of the Rev. Aaron S. Leinbach, Peter S. Fisher, and Elder John Krouse.

Item 3 was also referred a committee for a similar purpose as above, consisting of the Rev. Amos H. Kremer, Charles F. McCauley, and Elder George Hill.

The report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes was laid on the table.

The presence of the Rev. Mr. Sadtler, and Dr. Diehl, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and of the Rev. Dr. McPhail, of the Presbyterian Church, was announced.

The report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod was again taken up.

Item 6. Laid on the table until the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes is taken up.

Item 7. The following report was received from the committee referred to in this item, and the committee continued:

The committee in the case of ex-Sheriff Duncan of York county, respectfully report:

That they have not as yet succeeded in bringing this subject into a more definite shape, or hope of speedy settlement, than

presented at the last Synod. Still your committee are of opinion that the committee should be continued.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. MILLER, *Chairman.*

Item 8. Laid on the table until the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes is taken up.

Item 9. Laid on the table as above.

Item 10. Laid on the table as above.

Item 11. In reference to this item, it was

Resolved, That this request be renewed.

Item 12. Laid on the table for the present.

Item 13. In reference to this item, it was

Resolved, That the attention of the Trustees of Synod be called to the resolution adopted by the Synod of last year.

Item 14. Laid on the table until the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes is taken up.

Item 15. Laid on the table until the Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches report.

Item 16. Laid on the table.

Item 17. In reference to this item, it was

Resolved, That that the attention of the Trustees of Synod be called to this subject.

Rev. Joseph W. Santee and Elder Charles Santee obtained leave of absence during the remainder of the sessions.

Adjourned. Doxology and prayer by Rev. John Rebaugh.

SATURDAY, September 28th, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. Nicholas Gehr.

The report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod was continued.

Item 18. Laid on the table until the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes is taken up.

Item 19. The committee referred to in this item, submitted the following report, which was received, and then laid on the table until the preceding item is taken up:

The committee to translate the Liturgy into the German language begs leave to submit the following report:

The duty assigned us by the Synod of the last year at Lebanon, Pa., in regard to the publication of the German translation of the Liturgy, the committee endeavored to perform. They accordingly sent circulars to all their ministerial breth-

ren, in which they were requested to inform the committee how many copies of the German liturgy they could probably dispose of in their respective charges, so that it might be ascertained whether the expenses of publication could be defrayed. Inasmuch, however, as only some thirteen or fourteen hundred copies were engaged, and the expenses of publication could not therefore be covered; and as it also appeared, that the original would shortly undergo alterations; and as the present times are very unfavorable to the success of such an enterprize, your committee were unable to accomplish the duty assigned them.

The committee did not venture to make any essential alterations, except in the formula for the reception of immigrants.

The following additions were made:

1. Prayers for opening Catechetical exercises and Sabbath schools.

2. Prayers in time of Harvest: *a*, In fruitful years. *b*, In unfruitful years.

3. Prayers for days of Fasting and Prayer: *a*, In public worship. *b*, In the prayer meeting.

4. Prayers in time of War.

5. Prayers in times of Pestilence and Famine.

6. Prayers in behalf of suffering fellow Christians. [To be used at missionary meetings.]

7. Prayers for National festival occasions. [Such as the Fourth of July.]

8. To the Family Prayers, prayers for a third week were added.

The Synod will decide what further is to be done in this matter.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the committee,

J. S. KESSLER, *Chairman.*

Allentown, Sept., 1861.

Item 20. The following report was received from the committee referred to in this item and adopted, and the committee continued:

By the action of the last Synod the plan proposed for the proper commemoration of the tri-centenary of the formation of the Heidelberg Catechism, was accepted, and the committee "instructed to carry out the several measures proposed." Accordingly your committee has been engaged during the year in making the arrangements necessary to secure execution of the plan. A correspondence has been opened with a number of eminent theologians in Germany and Switzerland, with a view of securing their co-operation in the way contemplated in the plan. There has not been sufficient time to hear from all.

Bandenhagen of Heidelberg, however, and Dr. Ebrard of Speier, have already replied, highly approving of the object, and cheerfully promising contributions. We confidently expect favorable responses from others. As soon as we hear from all, and thus ascertain what subjects have been chosen by our brethren in the fatherland, your committee will take immediate measures to secure the requisite contributions from our own brethren at home. From the progress that has attended our efforts thus far, we feel encouraged to hope that all things will be ready for the success of the plan in due time. We have also the pleasure of informing Synod, that the Western Synod of our Church, at its last annual meeting, adopted the same plan, and appointed a committee to confer and co-operate with your committee in securing the end in view.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY HARBAUGH, *Chairman.*

Item 21. The subject referred to in this item, is embraced in the report of the Stated Clerk, submitted in connection with item 5.

Item 22 Laid on the table until the Committee on Publication report.

The report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod, having been completed, was adopted as a whole.

Rev. Earnest W. Reinecke, from the Classis of East Pennsylvania, appeared and took his seat as an advisory member.

Elder Anthony Labach obtained leave of absence until Monday morning's session.

The committee to whom was referred the appeal of the Rev. Joshua H. Derr submitted their report. It was received, and, after some discussion, recommitted, and its reception made the order of the day for Monday afternoon at the opening of the session.

The following report was received from the Board of Domestic Missions, and referred to the Committee on Missions :

In presenting the annual report for the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Home Mission efforts of our Church, we find much reason for gratitude for the past, and encouragement for the future. As the vast field has widened before us, and called for spiritual help, the Church has been found more ready, from year to year, to engage in the great work, and liberally to answer those calls. And thus far the results have been most cheering. It is true some fields have been found barren, and the labor and love bestowed upon them, have seemed to be

lost. But where has there ever been a country without some spots to resist the toils of cultivation, and who has always gathered according to his sowing? Why then should we complain or become disheartened, if occasionally we have thrown away our charities, or have been disappointed in our hopes? It may be confidently asserted that, in no instance, has more been accomplished with the same limited means.

The best illustration of this will be found in a comparison of the following sketch of our operations during the past year, with the reports of earlier times, and with the Treasurer's receipts.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Pittsburg—It is with great gratification, that the Board can state, that in January last, this important mission felt strong enough to relinquish all further claim on the Board for support. Through the indefatigable labors of its Pastor, Rev. G. B. Russell, it has steadily prospered. From seven, the original number, the congregation, in the eight years of its existence, grew to one hundred and twenty eight, but through deaths and removals has been reduced to ninety communicant members. Seconded nobly by some parts of the Church at large, this mission succeeded in building a handsome church, though still a large debt rests upon it. If those congregations which gave pledges toward this enterprise would promptly forward the amount, all embarrassment would be avoided And this much certainly is due the mission, inasmuch as it has now undertaken the work of self-support. The current expenses are a heavy burden on this small though willing congregation. It is due to this mission to say, that it has ever shown a willing spirit, and largely contributed to all the benevolent purposes of the Church. During the last few years, it has alone supported a student at Franklin and Marshall College, who is now at the Seminary at Mercersburg. In the way of benevolent contributions, it has more than returned the amount expended by the Board in its establishment. May the Lord continue to prosper their work.

Doylestown, Bucks county.—The Rev. W. R. Yearick took charge of this mission, in January last. He found the people scattered and disheartened, showing little inclination to lay hold upon the work. On the 17th of March, however, he succeeded in organizing a congregation of twenty-five members The greatest difficulty under which this mission labors is the want of a suitable place of worship. This difficulty can only be removed in time; but without it, the enterprise cannot succeed. The appropriation is $300.

Reading.—Through the past year, the pastor of the second church, of this place, the Rev. C. F. McCauley, has been untiring in his efforts to relieve the church of its great liabilities

No report has been received from the Pastor since January, an indication, the Board regards, of an endeavor on the part of the congregation to support itself. Through the reports, from time to time published in the "Messenger," we presume, the congregation has been relieved from its threatening embarrassment, though we regret to state, that the health of the Pastor has suffered much from those protracted and laborious efforts.

Bellefonte, Centre county.—The Rev. D. G. Klein still occupies this field and reports favorably. Appropriation $75.

New Holland, Lancaster county.—Our missionary at this point, Rev. F. A Gast, labored during the past year with great faithfulness and some success. Peculiar difficulties in one of the congregations retarded the good work. In one congregation, belonging to the Ephrata charge, supplied by this brother, there have been thirteen additions to the Church. Each congregation has a Sabbath school. This mission was established in October, 1860. Appropriation $100.

Columbia, Lancaster county.—During the past year, the Rev. I. E. Graeff labored in this field in connection with the regular pastor, Rev. J. W. Hoffmeier. The large debt still resting upon the church at this place has greatly interfered with the growth of the congregation. The Board has been compelled, through want of means, to discontinue the arrangement of the previous Board. This congregation is served now by brother Hoffmeier in connection with the Millersville charge. The appropriation was $100.

Richfield, Juniata county.—In this field, Rev. H. C. Heyser has labored for the past two years. This brother preaches to several congregations in Juniata, Snyder and Perry counties. In one a church was recently finished and dedicated. Within the past quarter two other congregations have been added to this brother's charge. The Board deeming it self-supporting has withdrawn the appropriation.

Newville, Cumberland county.—This mission has been without a pastor since the resignation of Rev. D. Hefelfinger.

Hazelton, Luzerne county.—This mission has been vacant since the removal of Rev. J. B. Poerner to another field of labor.

NEW YORK.

New York city—Rev. J. F. Busche, missionary. This mission now numbers one hundred and sixty-five members. The growth has been slow, but steady, and considering the various difficulties encountered, has been cheering. It is expected that this mission will soon become self-sustaining.

Rochester.—The Rev. T. Grosshüsch entered upon this field, Oct. 1, 1857. Under his active labors, the congregation has greatly improved both in a temporal and spiritual respect.

He holds regularly catechetical lectures; has a Bible class; besides attends to the parochial school. He reports the Sabbath services well attended. Keeps up two Sabbath schools, a German and an English. Collected during the year $11,00. Appropriation $200.

NEW JERSEY.

Elizabeth city.—Our missionary at this point, Rev. O. Lohr, preaches also at Rahway and Woodbridge. The disturbed condition of the country has deeply affected the Rahway congregation in its temporal affairs. To prevent the sale of the church, a benevolent friend in Philadelphia advanced $300. This amount, together with several other hundreds due, were to have been collected from the Church at large. But only two or three hundred were raised in this way, leaving this young and promising congregation still in an embarrassed condition. The Sabbath School is in a flourishing state. Received twenty-five members during the past year. Collected $7. Appropriation $100.

Oxford Furnace.—This mission was commenced Dec. 1st, 1860. The Rev. Geo. F. Jancke was commissioned at that time, who preaches in the German and English languages. Has another congregation at Belvidere, where he preaches every second Sabbath. The missionary has to contend with many difficulties. The church at Oxford Furnace is still involved in debt. Appropriation $200.

Newark.—The Rev. D. W. Poor, D. D., of Newark, was written to in relation to a German mission in that city. Because of the disturbed condition of the country and the consequent financial pressure, he discourages the commencement of such a mission at this time, though greatly needed.

MARYLAND.

Hagerstown—The missionary at this point is Rev. J. B. Pœrner, who entered upon his duties there last November. He receives his support from Maryland Classis. No report received.

Baltimore.—The German mission in this city is also supported by the Maryland Classis. Has lately been supplied with a pastor. No report received.

Frederick city.—Our missionary here, Rev. P. A. Schwartz, commenced his labors in the Spring of 1860. The field had been vacated for some months. He has three points where he preaches. His congregation in the city (exclusively German) gave signs of promise in the beginning of the year. But the political troubles of the country have checked somewhat its progress. The missionary labors hard to make the charge self-supporting, but has to encounter serious difficulties. Confirmed 8. Appropriation $75.

Cumberland. The Westmoreland Classis has taken this very important point under its care. Rev. H. Losch is laboring there with an appropriation of $300 paid by that Classis.

VIRGINIA.

Norfolk.—The Rev. E. Böhringer has been laboring in this city for the past two years This is the only German congregation in Norfolk. It was commenced under very favorable auspices. A lot for a church had been purchased. Afterwards the congregation bought at public sale, the Southgate Seminary and had it fitted up as a place of worship It was dedicated about New Year. Last Spring the missionary visited the city of Richmond, where he organized a congregation of fifty members. The reports reached us up to June 4th. These were in a high degree encouraging. Since then all communication has ceased. It is to be feared that the worthy brother is greatly in want of assistance, having received no aid since April. Appropriation $150.

OHIO.

Toledo.—It has been seven years since this mission was established. It is a place of great importance, and with a very large German population. The membership is about 120. The whole salary of the missionary is not over $300 annually. He received 17 new members. About $400 debt is resting upon the church property. Appropriation $150.

Sandusky city.—Our missionary at this point labors faithfully. The mission was established about eleven years ago. Its history presents a series of severe trials. Its progress slow but sure. The church debt previously so annoying, through the personal efforts of the missionary, has been somewhat diminished by collections; but is still heavy. The church is not yet finished. The missionary keeps up catechetical instruction, a Sabbath and parochial school. Appropriation $150.

Cincinnati.—Rev. S. Mease has been pastor of the English enterprise since the spring of 1856. Seems much discouraged from the temporary failure of his scheme to raise funds for the erection of a church. Though spending considerable time in the East in an effort to secure pledges, the amount obtained only reached $2500, and in the West only a little over a $1000 —not sufficient to justify any decisive measures in the way of building. The troubles in the country assuming such a disastrous character, prostrating all branches of business and throwing so many persons out of employment, this scheme for the present has been relinquished. Brother Mease reports a prosperous Sabbath school. The place is far too small for the number of children that might be gathered. He also has a small catechetical class. In the January report, he states, there had been added to the Church seven by confirmation and

seven by certificate; three more were added in April. Baptized seven. Whole number of members thirty-seven. Appropriation $300.

Herring, Allen county—This mission is composed of four congregations, and has been occupied for the past three years by the Rev. J. Klingler He speaks of a marked improvement in his charge. Services are much better attended, and a greater interest is being manifested in the duties and claims of religion. During the past year they finished a church in one of the congregations which every Sabbath is crowded with anxious hearers. The charge numbers one hundred members. Baptized thirty-seven. Added to the Church seven. Appropriation $100. In one of the congregations he still complains of some dissensions prevailing.

Arnheim, Brown county.—This is an old mission. The missionary here, Rev. C. Plüss, labors most faithfully. The mission is gradually improving. The relation between pastor and people is very pleasant and agreeable. Added to the Church nine. Appropriation $100.

Crestline.—Rev. J. Eichen left this field during the winter. In the Spring it was re-occupied by Rev. M. Stern, under brighter prospects. There is a church building in progress. No appropriation from this Board asked for.

Allen county.—In January last, Rev. P. Greding was commissioned to labor in this county. By some misunderstanding no report has been received from this missionary. Appropriation $50.

INDIANA.

Terre Haute.—This is a mission among the foreign Germans. The pastor, Rev. H. Kortheuer, has been laboring there for two years. Besides a Sabbath school, a parochial school has been established and taught by the missionary. Prospects are encouraging. Appropriation $60.

Decatur, Adams county.—This mission was commenced five years ago, and supplied by Rev. P. Vitz. A church was built in Preble township, and another commenced in Decatur. The country congregation contributed $15 toward Beneficiary Education. Added to the Church seven. Appropriation $60.

MICHIGAN.

Detroit.—Since October of last year, Rev. C. Cast has been laboring in this city. The place is one of great importance. The German population is very large. At the beginning of the year, sixteen families were received into the Church; twelve confirmed. This congregation received a new impulse; but the prospects are somewhat blighted by the political troubles. This mission greatly needs a new church in a different part of the city. Appropriation $400.

KENTUCKY.

Louisville.—This congregation was organized a number of years ago. Has met with many reverses. Since last January, it has been vacant. There is now encouraging prospect for obtaining very shortly an efficient pastor. The material for a good congregation is abundant.

WISCONSIN.

Sheboygan.—This important field is supplied by the Rev. J. T. Kluge. Its growth has been gradual. He is now preaching in a new settlement five miles distant. Persons living eight and nine miles off regularly attend church. Confirmed fourteen. This mission also furnished a candidate for the ministry. Collected $9,50. Appropriation ——.

Sauk City.—Rev. H. A. Winter, who was commissioned to labor in St. Louis, but left on account of the civil troubles, commenced his labors here in the Spring. Prospects very encouraging. Church building progressing.

IOWA.

Lisbon, Linn county.—This mission has been served for nearly three years very acceptably and successfully by Rev. J. Riale. He has truly been a laborious missionary, travelling over a wide scope of country, and serving congregations widely separated. Within the past few months a different disposition has been made of the congregations. Brother Riale retains Boulder and Brandon; brother Klar, Tipton and vicinity, and brother Buser, Wilton and vicinity. This disposition of the congregations will make five pastoral charges in Iowa. Oskaloosa will be able to support a young man with but little aid from the Board. Some additions were made to the several congregations—three are reported for the last quarter. In January last efforts were made to procure funds to erect a church at Boulder, and subscriptions obtained to about three fourths the amount. Collected $25,50 for benevolent purposes. Appropriation $200.

Rev. H. F. Hartman was authorized to visit settlements in Michigan, where congregations could be organized. The Board has received as yet no report.

This sketch, though necessarily brief and imperfect, nevertheless furnishes abundant reason for thanksgiving and encouragement. At the same time it should incite us to redoubled energy in the blessed work. Had we the means and the men, we might in the course of a single year, establish twice as many missions, and extend our field much further into the destitute portions of our country. The receipts of the Treasurer during the present year amounted to $3,663,58. Why should not this now be largely increased? And why should not our Church so awake to the importance of its calling in

this country, as to enable the Board of Missions greatly to enlarge its beneficent operations?

Only let the love of Christ constrain us, and our liberality and zeal will be equal to all our wants.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. A. BOMBERGER, *President.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Board of Domestic Missions of the German Reformed Church, in account with D. W. GROSS, *Treasurer.*

1860.		CR.	
Oct.	19	By balance on settlement,	$492,70
		Cash from Rev. J. H. Dubs, a collection,	4,25
		" " W. H. Groh, Boalsburg, to constitute Mrs. Rachel Meyer L. M.,	20,00
Nov.	1	" Rev. N. Gehr, Juvenile Miss. Society, to constitute N. Wetzel L. M.,	30,00
	7	" Rev. D. F. Brendle, Bethlehem, Pa.,	15,00
		" " J. Hannabery, Schellsburg charge,	5,00
		" " J. D. Zehring, for Rev. J. Klingler, Ohio,	9,76
		" " F. W. Kremer, 1st church, Lebanon, Pa., $25 of which is for the Miss. church edifice, Cincin'ti.,	44,01
		" Rev. J. E. Heister, Belleview church,	8,00
	14	" D. B. Russell, Waynesboro,	2,50
	28	" Rev. D. Y. Heisler, com. col. at Bethlehem 8,15, Hecktown 13,70, added 15 cts.,	22,00
Dec.	5	" Rev. J. Beck, female members of cong., Easton,	35,00
	19	" " J. Rebaugh, col. in St. Paul's church, Md.,	15,00
		" " T. P. Bucher, col. in Gettysburg S. S.,	13,50
		" " J. Gring, col. in his charge,	6,24
	26	" " S. Kuhn, Bloomfield, Pa.,	20,00
1861.		" H. W. Hoffmeier, Lancaster,	1,50
Jan.	1	" Rev. Daniel Zeigler, York, Pa.,	30,00
		" S. Buck, Tr. Miss. As. Jacob's cong., Berrysburg,	5,00
		" Rev. I. E. Graeff,	3,75
		" " I. G. Brown, Mercersburg, Pa.,	20,00
		" " I. K. Loos, col. in charge,	30,62
	12	" " J. C. Hennneman, Beaver, Pike county, Ohio,	10,00
		" " J. G. Wiehle, Salems cong., Philadelphia, to constitute C. Breitenbach L. M.,	40,00
		" Rev. J. E. Heister, Annville S. S.,	11,64
	28	" 1st Ger. Ref. church, Chambersburg, Pa.,	50,00
		" Div. on 25 shares York Bank stock,	25,00
	30	" Rev. H. Mosser, Loysville Miss. Soc., Perry co., Pa.,	19,60
		" " J. Beck, S. S. of congregation, Easton,	40,00
		" per J. A. Mertz, from Mite Soc., Lewisburg, Pa., 9, Rev. L. C. Edmonds, Aaronsburg charge, towards constituting Mrs. Edmonds L. M., 12,58, Union cong., 3,13, Rev. M. Schultz, Classical apportionment 10,	34,71
		" Rev. M. A. Smith, Hummelstown charge,	14,00
Feb.	6	" Wermet Elmer, New Glaris, Wis.,	1,00
		" Rev. H. W. Super, Waynesboro charge 25, Ger. Harbaugh of G. 5,	30,00
		Carried forward,	$1,104,78

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1861.		Amount brought forward,	$1,104,78
Feb. 7	Cash from	Rev. G. E. Addams, Sulphur Spring charge,	10,06
13	"	Rev. J. Hannabery, purse of dec'd. infant son, C. W.,	50
	"	H. S. Zink, Tres. 2nd church, Lancaster,	20,00
14	"	Rev. W. A. Helfrich, col. at Classis in Long Swamp,	17,00
20	"	" F. W. Kremer. S. S. 1st church, Lebanon. Pa., and monthly concert,	36,91
23	"	Rev. N. S. Aller, Pleasantville, Pa., part of pledge at Synod,	25,00
	"	Gerard Hallock, Esq., Tr. of Southern Aid Soc. for Missions in the Southern States, donation for 1860,	200,00
27	"	Rev. T. H. Leinbach, Salem church,	8,00
	"	" I Miese,	7,00
Mar. 1	"	" O. Lohr, col in charge,	2,00
13	"	John Zollinger, Polo, Ill.,	1,00
	"	Rev. C. Z. Weiser, Keyser's church,	2,00
18	"	" H. C. Heyser, col. in charge,	5,00
	"	John Weist, Tr. Race street church, Phila., bal. on Syst. Benev. plan, 1860, 80,05, and collection 9,02,	89,07
	"	Rev. J. Külling, 4th church, Baltimore, for Rev. O. Lohr's church, Rahway, New Jersey,	17,35
20	"	Rev. J. Kurtz, Jefferson, York county, Pa.,	30,00
27	"	" J. G. Neuber, Glassboro, New Jersey,	2,25
	"	" H. Mosser, Spring Dale S. S.,	1,24
Apr. 1	"	H. W. Hoffmeier, Lancaster, Pa.,	1,00
3	"	Rev. T. H. Leinbach, Jacob's church,	8,65
	"	" T. P. Bucher, S. S., Gettysburg,	10,00
4	"	" W. K. Zeiber, Hanover charge,	100,00
8	"	George Cook, Ex. P. Cook, Esq., dec'd. $277,50. legacy, principal and interest, less $12,50 collateral inheritance tax,	265,00
10	"	Rev. T. H. Leinbach, Schaefferstown,	7,00
	"	J. F. Schaeffer, S. S. 1st church, Lancaster, Pa.,	12,45
	"	Rev. G. E. Gramm, children's S. S. Miss. Soc. of Bethlehem cong. 18,00, and Miss. Soc. same cong. 20,00,	38,00
	"	L. K. R.,	5,00
	"	Rev. F. Grosshüsch,	4,18
	"	" J. T. Kluge,	5,50
13	"	" I. E. Graeff, col. in charge,	4,50
	"	" A. B. Caspar, Middlecreek charge	4,00
	"	Rev. H. Wiegandt, McEwensville, to constitute Mrs. Weigandt L. M.,	30,00
16	"	Rev. I. S. Weisz, Nittany charge, to constitute self L. M.,	30,00
17	"	Rev. A. Schroeder, Bridgeport, Conn.,	5,00
	"	" O. Lohr, col. in charge,	2,00
	"	" J. F. Busche, col. in charge,	64,00
	"	" J. H. A. Bomberger, loan,	100,00
May 8	"	Friend to the cause,	1,00
	"	Rev. I. Miese,	20,00
	"	A. C. W., A. Friend,	2,50
	"	Rev. J. G. Wiehle, Salem church, Miss. meeting,	17,50
15	"	" J. Ault, Loudon and St. Thomas,	10,00
	"	Mary Ann Greenawalt, Treas. of Fem. Benevo. Soc. 1st church, Lebanon,	32,82
		Carried over,	$2,354,20

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1861.		Amount brought over,	$2
May 22		Cash per Rev. F. W. Kremer, Treas. of Lebanon Classis, from Rev. H. Wagner 5, Rev. A. S. Leinbach 26, Rev. J. K'ine 11,50, Rev. S. Miller 8,51,	
	"	" W. R. H. Deatrick, Grindstonehill charge,	
	"	" C. F. Hoffmeier, Friends' Cove charge,	
	"	J. Lerch, Bethlehem, Pa,	
	"	Rev. J. Hannabery, Schellsburg congregation,	
	"	Juvenile Miss. Soc. of Zions cong., Phila.,	
	"	Mrs. Catharine Shive, Quakertown, Pa.,	
29	"	Rev. D. F. Brendle, col. at Altona,	
	"	" Thomas G. Apple, Greencastle,	
	"	" J. Hassler, Martinsburg charge,	
	"	" T. Fouse, Woodcock Valley charge,	
	"	" I. G. Brown, col. at Mercersburg Classis,	
	"	" Mrs. S. A. Loos, savings of two dec'd. children, Daniel W. G. and Anna Maria,	
	"	Choir of Mercersburg cong. 5, Dr. J. McDowell 5, and Rev. S. R. Fisher 5, part of pledge to constitute Mrs. S. McDowell L. M,	
	"	Rev. A. H. Kremer, from a Lady, Lancaster, Pa.,	
June 5	"	" D. Bossler, col. in charge,	
	"	per J. A. Mertz, from Mite Soc., church at Lewisb'g 5, Rev. Zeller 5, Rev. L. C. Edmonds, Aaronsburg charge, bal to cons. Mrs. L. C. Edmonds L. M., 2,42, Rev. L C. Edmonds, towards constituting Elder Joseph Jordan L. M. 11, Rev. J. C. Bucher, Mifflinburg charge 5, Rev. F. J. Mohr, Williamsport charge 15, and Rev. D. S. Tobias, Rebersburg charge 23,25,	
12	"	Rev J. Rebaugh, Middleburg congregation,	
	"	" I. K Loos, col. in charge for L. M.,	
	"	" B. C. Wolff, to const. Mrs. S. McDowell L. M.	
	"	" B. Bausman,	
	"	" A. Helffenstein, Jr. 2, and Rev. J. V. Eckert 6,18,	
	"	Rev. H. Mosser, legacy from W. D. Robinson 5, collection 2,53, Loysville Miss. Soc. 25 cts.,	
	"	Rev. S. G. Wagner, Boehms and White Marsh,	
	"	" J. H. Derr, Miss. and Ed. Soc., Allentown, Pa., to constitute Mrs. M. Craig L. M.,	
	"	Rev. N. S. Strassburger, col. at Goshenhoppen Classis,	
July 3		J. Heppe, Juvenile Soc. of Salem's cong, Phila.,	
17	"	Rev. I. K. Loos,	
	"	John Rodenmayer, Supt. Md. Classis, from the Re W. F. Colliflower, Jefferson charge, 10, Rev. H. Wissler, Manchester charge 31,50, M. D. Hammond, Hagerstown charge 40, Rev. J. Steiner, Glade ch, 25, Rev. J. W. Santee, from a female member of the Cavetown charge 2,50, Rev. W. E. Krebs, Emmittsburg charge 6,	
	"	Rev. G. B. Dechant, col. in charge,	
	"	" J. H. Dubs, Miss Soc. of Zions church, Allentown, to constitute Mrs. R. Biessel L. M.,	
	"	Rev. H. Eschmeier, col. in charge,	
		Carried forward,	

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1861.			
		Amount brought forward,	$3,043,87
July 17	Cash	from Mrs. M. A. Greenawalt, Treas. Fem. Benev. Soc., 1st church, Lebanon, bal.,	2,92
24	"	per Rev. I. G. Brown, from a Lady of Mercersburg charge 4, Mercersburg charge, L. M. of Mrs. Mcdowell 5,	9,00
	"	Rev. T H. Leinbach, Tulpenhocken cong.,	10,17
	"	" D. Gring, Shrewsbury, York county, Pa.,	35,00
		H. W. Hoffmeier, Lancaster, Pa.,	1,00
		Samuel Moyer, Boalsburg. Pa ,	5,00
Aug. 7	"	J. Heilman, Tr. of Miss. Soc. of Hill church,	15,00
		Jacob Rentz, Loyal Sock, Pa.,	4,00
8	"	Rev. J. Beck, Easton, Pa.. male members of cong., 30, and col. at meeting of E. Penn'a. Classis 10,	40,00
21	"	Rev. H. Mosser, Landisburg charge,	5,00
28	"	D. Moyer, Turbuttville,	1,00
Sep. 4	"	Rev. G. Wolff, col. at Womelsdorf 4,72, and Mt. Etna 3,68,	8,40
	"	Rev. D. Hertz, col. in his charge,	48,00
17	"	" J. Rebaugh, col. in St. Paul's ch.,	10,00
	"	" D. F. Brendle, col. in charge,	8,00
	"	" D. Ziegler. York, Pa., col. in charge,	15,00
18	"	" J. E. Heister, col. at Bindnagel's 3,28, Campbellstown 5,77, Palmyra 3,14,	12,19
	"	1st church, Chambersburg,	25,00
	"	Rev. D. Rothrock, col. at Durham 9,46, Nockamixon 7,14, Tinicum 4,86, Williams 3,13, Red Hill 2,35, D. R. 1,06,	28,00
	"	Rev. I. K. Loos, col. in charge,	5,00
	"	" Samuel Hess, Hellerstown, Pa.,	28,63
	"	" N. S. Strassburger, col. in part of charge 23,50, and from Mrs. B. B., widow 2,50,	26,00
	"	Rev. A. J. G. Dubs, col. in charge, to constitute Mrs. S. Detwiler, H. B. Pearson and Charles Foster L. M.,	67,73
	"	Rev. George Wolff, Meyerstown congregation,	25,00
	"	per Rev. I. Gerhart, from Rev. A. Helffenstein, Jr. 2, Rev. J. W. Hoffmeier, Millersville cong. 5, Rev. D. Hertz, Ephrata charge 6,65,	13,65
	"	Rev. F. Grosshüsch, col. in his charge,	11,96
	"	" J. T Kluge, col. in charge,	4,50
	"	" J. Naille, Elizabethtown, Pa.,	8,00
	"	" O. Lohr, col. in his charge,	3,00
25	"	" D. Weiser, col. in New Goshenhoppen and Great Swamp congregations,	40,00
	"	Rev. J. Sechler, col. in Littlestown charge,	11,74
	"	" J. H. Dubs, col. in Allentown cong. 15,51, Morgenland 8,53, South Whitehall 5,03, and Lower Saucon 15,43,	44,50
	"	Rev. J. S. Dubs, col. in Union 16,84, Egypt 11,57, Jordan 10,65 and Cedar 2,67,	41,73
	"	per John Weist, Treas. Race street church, Phil'a.	125,00
	"	Rev. J. H. Derr's cong., Allentown, Pa., to constitute Mr. Joseph Young L. M.,	30,00
	"	per Rev. J. O. Miller, York, Pa., dividend in York Bank,	18,75
	"	Rev. D. Gans, col. in congregation,	37,58
		Carried over,	$3,869,32

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1861.	Amount brought over,	$3,
Sep. 25	Cash from Rev. P. S. Fisher, Sellersville charge,	
"	Rev. W. R. Yearick, col. in Hilltown church,	
"	" Dr. Schaff from a lady of Mercersburg,	
"	" " " Mercersburg charge,	
"	J. A. Mertz, Treasurer of West Susq. Classis,	
28 "	Carlisle, Pa., cong., to constitute J. P. Hassler L. M.,	
"	Rev. A. L. Dechant, col. at Hoover's 7,73, Keeler's 17,64, Sumnytown 12,14, and Boyertown 17,19,	
"	" Dr. Harbaugh, St. John's ch., Lebanon, Pa.,	
"	" J. F. Busche, N. Y., col. in cong., to constitute Christian Jung L. M.,	
"	Rev. J. G. Fritchey, Taneytown, Md., towards constituting Jacob Shriner L. M.,	
"	Rev. E. W. Reineke, col. at Forks 15,69, and Plainfield 11,40,	
"	Mrs. E. J. Callender, Meadville, Pa.,	
"	Rev. J D. Zehring, Bernville, towards constituting Mrs. Rose Houck L. M.,	
"	Rev. J. B. Knipe, per Dr. Bomberger,	
"	" F. A. Gast, col. in charge,	
		$4,

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1860.		
Oct. 25	To Cash paid Rev. C. Cast, Detroit, Michigan,	$
	" " " G. B. Russell,	
	" " " O. Lohr, Elizabeth city, N. J.,	
	" " " A. Shröder,	
Nov. 27	" " " S. Mease,	
	" " " G. F. Jahnke, Buffalo, N. Y.,	
	" " " E. Böhringer,	
1861.	" " " N. Gehr,	
Jan. 2	" " " G. F. Jahnke, per Rev. I. K. Loos,	
8	" " " C. F. McCauley, Reading,	
	" " " J. Riale, Lisbon, Iowa,	
	" " " J. B. Kniest, 2 quarter's salary,	
	" " " H. C. Heyser, one quarter's salary,	
	" " " C. Plüss, Arnheim, Ohio,	
	" " " I. E. Graeff, salary at Columbia,	
	" " " D. G. Klein,	
24	" " " H. Eschmeier,	
28	" " " C. Cast,	1
	" " " J. Eichen,	
	" " " J. F. Busche,	
	" " " Peter Vitz,	
	" " " G. B. Russell,	
Mar. 1	" " " O. Lohr, Elizabeth city, N. J ,	
	" " " J. Riale, Lisbon, Iowa,	
	" " " J. Klingler, Allen county, Ohio,	
	" " " C. F. McCauley, Reading,	
	" " " E. Böhringer, Norfolk, Va.,	
	" " " F. W. Steffens, Louisville, Ky.,	
	Carried forward,	$1,2

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1861.		Amount brought forward,	$1,266,64
Mar. 18	To Cash	paid Rev. H. C. Heyser,	25,00
	" "	" O. Lohr, per J. Rodenmayer,	17,35
Apr. 10	"	" Note to Mr. Hertz and interest,	200,47
	"	" Rev. I. E. Graeff,	25,00
	"	" " D. G. Klein,	18,75
11	"	" " S. Mease,	75,00
	"	" " H. Rust, trav. expenses to Louisville,	6,25
	"	" " T. Grosshüsch,	50,00
	"	" " J. T. Kluge,	37,50
	"	" " H. Kortheuer,	30,00
	"	" " J. B. Kniest,	37,50
	"	" " C. Plüss,	25,00
	"	" " P. Vitz,	20,00
12	"	" " P. A. Schwarz,	75,00
13	"	" " I. E. Graeff,	25,00
	"	" " F. A. Gast, New Holland,	25,00
17	"	" " O. Lohr, Elizabeth city, N. J.,	25,00
	"	paid two notes on plate for L. M. cert.	100,00
25	"	" Rev. J. F. Busche,	100,00
	"	" " E. Böhringer,	37,50
	"	" " P. Vitz,	20,00
	"	" " S. Mease,	75,00
	"	" " W. R. Yearick,	50,00
	"	" " T. Grosshüsch,	50,00
	"	" " J. Riale,	50,00
	"	" " C. Cast,	100,00
July 11	"	" " H. Eschmeier, Toledo, Ohio,	75,00
	"	" " J. B. Pörner, per Md. Classis,	75,00
	"	" " P. A. Schwartz, do	25,00
	"	" " E. Böhringer, do	15,00
	"	" " J. T. Kluge,	37,50
	"	" " G. F. Jahnke,	50,00
	"	" " P. Greding,	25,00
	"	" " H. A. Winter,	50,00
	"	" " J. Riale,	50,00
	"	" " H. C. Heyser,	25,00
	"	" " J. B. Kniest,	37,50
	"	" Rev. J. F. Busche,	50,00
	"	" Rev. E. Böhringer, travelling expenses,	30,00
	"	" Rev. O. Lohr,	25,00
Sep.	"	" Rev. P. A. Schwartz,	18,75
	"	" Rev. T. Grosshüsch,	100,00
	"	" Rev. W. R. Yearick,	50,00
	"	" Rev. S. Mease,	75,00
	"	" Rev. D. G. Klein,	37,50
	"	" Rev. C. Cast,	100,00
	"	" Rev. P. Vitz,	20,00
	"	" Rev. J. B. Kniest,	37,50
	"	" " C. Plüss,	50,00
	"	" " J. Klingler,	50,00
	"	" " D. Hertz, interest on note of $300,	45,00
	"	" " H. C. Heyser, per West Susq., Classis,	25,00
	"	" " W. R. Yearick,	37,00
	"	" " J. T. Kluge,	17,00
	"	" paid assistant,	25,00
	"	" postage and stationary,	8,70
		Carried over,	$3,381,41

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1861.	Amount brought over,	$3,831,41
"	" Rev. J F. Busche,	30,00
"	" John Rodenmayer, tra. exp. to Washington,	6,00
"	" Rev. G. J. Jahnke,	50,00
"	" " I. Gerhart, old account,	5,83
"	" " F. A. Gast,	50,00
"	" " J. T. Kluge,	20,50
"	" " H. Kortheuer,	45,00
"	" " H. Eschmeier,	37,50
	Balance in Treasury,	80,04
		$4,156,28

We do hereby certify that we have examined the above account and compared it with the vouchers and find it correct.

F. W. KREMER,
ISAAC GERHART,
W. E. KREBS,
Committee.

Sept. 18, 1861.

The following report was received from the Board of Publication, read and referred to the Committee on Publication :

The Board of Publication would respectfully submit the following report :

The year has been so disastrous to all business operations that, in making up our accounts for the year, it could not otherwise be expected but that the operations of our Printing Establishment should oppressively feel the pressure weighing down all departments of business and even the most important benevolent operations of the Church for the enlightenment and evangelization of the world. Nevertheless the report submitted to our consideration by the firm is more favorable than under the circumstances we had a right to expect.

From the annual statement submitted, we learn that the amount of liabilities, Sept., 1861, is $13,950,36¾
The amount of liabilities, Oct., 1860, was 15,019,20
Showing the gratifying fact that during the year there has been a decrease in the liabilities of the establishment of $1,068,83¼.
The total assets of the establishment, Sept., '61, $46,775,63
" " " Oct., '60, 45,537,95.
Showing an increase in the assets as compared with last year of $1,237,68.

There has been a decrease in the circulation of both the Church papers, as will be seen from the following statements:

"Messenger." New subscribers for the year,		219	
Less than last year,			37
Present number of subscribers,	2,555		
Number of subscribers, Oct., '60,	2,883		
Decrease,		328.	
"Kirchenzitung." New subscribers for the year,		189	
Less than last year,			60
Present number of subscribers,	2,154		
Number of subscribers, Oct., '60,	2,242		
Decrease,		88,	

This decrease in the circulation of the Church papers is owing in a great degree to the stoppage of mail facilities with Southern States, but also to the general financial derangement of the country, causing many to make their retrenchments extend not only to their physical comforts but even to the nourishing mental and spiritual food necessary for the healthy exercise and development of the moral powers.

To make up these losses there should be increased effort; that at least during the present depressed times, the diminution may be checked, and the papers relieved from actual loss to the establishment for the year to come, in the hope also that in more favorable times there may be room for a large increase.

The following is a summary of the receipts and disbursements for the year.

RECEIPTS.

Messenger, one number less than a year,	$4,226,37	
Kirchenzeitung,	1,861,30	
Book and Jobs,	5,239,25	
Sale of old building and lot,	453,30	
Cash taken in in Bindery,	214,29	
Loans,	3,708,88	
Balance due Treasurer,	6,03¾	
		$15,709,42¾

DISBURSEMENTS.

Principal on notes and loans,	$3,847,69	
Last instalment on Mansion House,	1,500,00	
Interest, material, hands, agencies, &c.,	9,937,15¾	
Balance due Treasurer, Oct., 1860,	424,58	
		$15,709,42¾

Respectfully submitted,

J. REBAUGH, *President.*

H. W. SUPER, *Secretary.*

Elder Daniel Odenwelder obtained leave of absence until Monday morning's session.

The committee to whom was referred the appeal of Elder Israel Loucks, in behalf of the English section of the congregation at York, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee appointed to examine the appeal of elder Israel Loucks from the action of Zion's Classis in regard to a proposed change in the German congregation of York Pa, respectfully report:

They have examined the papers pertaining to the matter and find them in order. The appeal was taken, and the proper notification was given according to the requirements of the constitution.

The committee therefore recommend,

1. That the *papers in the case be read* before Synod.

2. That the appellant be allowed to prosecute the appeal in an opening speech.

3. That the delegates of Zion's Classis appoint one of their number to respond in behalf of Classis.

4. That the appellant then be allowed to close.

5. That the vote be then taken whether the appeal is sustained or not sustained—without discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

T. C. PORTER, *Chairman.*

The appeal was taken up

Samuel Wagner was recognized as the commissioner to prosecute the appeal in behalf of the English section of the congregation at York.

Rev. Samuel Philips was recognized as the commissioner on the part of the Classis of Zion, to support its action.

The documents and records in the case were read.

The commissioner from the English section of the York congregation was heard in support of the appeal.

The commissioner from the Classis of Zion was heard in defense of the action of the Classis. Before his remarks were concluded, however, the Synod adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. John Rebaugh.

MONDAY, September 30th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Elder Goldsboro S. Griffith.

The minutes of Saturday's sessions were read, amended and adopted.

Rev. Augustus L. Dechant, delegate secundus from the Classis of Goshenhoppen, was admitted to the seat occupied by the primarius, Rev. Samuel Hess.

Elder Edward Kohler, delegate from the Classis of East Pennsylvania, appeared and took his seat.

Rev. Daniel F. Brendle, delegate secundus from the Classis of East Pennsylvania, was admitted to the seat occupied by the primarius, Rev. John Gantenbein.

Rev. Joseph S. Dubs, from the Classis of East Pennsylvania, appeared and took his seat as an advisory member.

The appeal under consideration at the time of adjournment on Saturday afternoon, was continued.

Rev. Samuel Philips resumed and closed his argument in defense of the action of the Classis of Zion.

Samuel Wagner, the commissioner from the English section of the congregation at York, was heard in reply.

Before he concluded his remarks, the Synod adjourned.

Prayer by the Rev. William F. Colliflower.

MONDAY, September 30th, 2 o'clock P. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Dr John W. Nevin.

Rev. John C. Bucher, delegate secundus from the Classis of West Susquehanna, appeared and took the seat occupied by the primarius, Rev. Israel S. Weisz.

Rev. A. J. G. Dubs, from the Classis of East Pennsylvania, and Rev. G. E. Gramm, from the Classis of Philadelphia, appeared and took their seats as advisory members.

The oder of the day for the opening of this afternoon's sessions, was laid on the table in order to continue the subject under consideration at the close of this morning's session.

Mr. Wagner accordingly continued his remarks in reply to the commissioner of the Classis. At the close of his remarks, the Synod proceeded to take the vote on the question, and the appeal was sustained by the following vote:

SUSTAIN:—H. Harbaugh, A. S. Leinbach, J. Krouse, D. Young, W. F. Colliflower, J. Tice, G. S. Griffith, S. G. Wagner, S. H. Giesy, W. M. Deatrick, H. Heckerman, J. Hannabery, T. G. Apple, J. Rebaugh, W. Heyser, J. F. Busche, H. Berge, T. C. Porter, W. H. Frymire, J. C. Bucher, Elijah Hess, J. H. Apple, J. Hamm, D. B. Ernst. Total 24.

NOT SUSTAIN:—I. K. Loos, D. Odenwelder, J. Heilman, J. Kuelling, N. Gehr, J. Fitzgerald, G. Cook, G. Besore, P. S. Fisher, N. S. Strasburger, A. L. Dechant, L. Marsteller, A. Labach, A. H. Kremer, H. S. Bassler, J. W. Steinmetz, W. Goodrich, H. Wiegandt, F. Kleis. Total 19.

EXCUSED FROM VOTING:—J. Beck, D. F. Brendle, E. Kohler, J. Coleman. Total 4.

The Committe on Nominations submitted their report, which was received, amended and adopted. The election as ordered to take place on to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, and the Stated Clerk instructed to have the necessary number of copies of the Nominations printed for the use of Synod.

The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary presented the following report, which was received, read and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary:

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN:—The Board of Visitors was organized at the last meeting of Synod by the election of the following officers for the current year: *President*, Rev. J. Rebaugh; *Secretary*, Rev. T. G. Apple; *Treasurer*, Dr. S. R. Fisher. They held two meetings subsequently during the year: one in the latter part of March, and another in July, at the close of the sessions in the Seminary. The meetings of the Board were

opened each time by services in the German Reformed church in Mercersburg. The sermon at the first meeting was preached by Rev. T. G. Apple, and at the second by Rev. J. Hassler. The Board attended the usual examination of the Theological Students on the studies pursued during the year, which showed diligence and progress on the part of the students, and great pains and efficiency on the part of the Professors. The examinations in each case were approved by the Board.

The number of students connected with the Seminary during the year is 27, viz: D. B. Albright, Abraham Bartholomew, Adam Buechler, Edmund Erb, E. R. Eshbach, A. R. Hottenstein, J. H. Johnston, J. B. Kerschner, Samuel Transue, Cyrus Cort, Jacob Dahlman, Cyrus Dieffenbacher, W. A. Gring, U. H. Heilman, H. M. Herman, M. H. Hockman, G. H. Johnston, J. W. Love, N. H. Skyles, R. R. Smith, Z. Test, A. C. Whitmer, W. Wittenweiler, D. Earnest Klopp, Ephraim S. Scheip, Wm. G. Engle, J. Kretzing. Of this number five were regularly dismissed, having completed the regular course of study, viz: Messrs. Kerschner, Eshbach, Transue, Hottenstein, and Albright.

It must be gratifying to Synod to learn from this statement that the Seminary is in a properous condition. The faculty report that the civil war has as yet not interfered with the prosperity of the Seminary, as it has done already so seriously with many literary institutions of the country. On the contrary, the number of students was larger during the summer than at any time since the reëopening of the Seminary after the removal of the College. They report also good attention and progress by the students, notwithstanding the excitement necessarily attending the extraordinary state of the country.

It is expected that the number of students during the coming year will be increased, so that it would seem the prayer of the Church for more laborers is being answered. The standard of qualification for the work of the ministry is being elevated, fewer leaving the Seminary with a partially finished course than was the case of late years. It is believed that if the Synod continues to sustain the action of the Board in this direction, the irregularities complained of a few years ago will soon entirely cease. Some of the Classes still continue to receive and license young men from the Seminary who have not been regularly dismissed by the Board, which should be done only in cases where special and extraordinary reasons exist for such a course.

Synod, at its last meeting instructed the Board of Visitors to make the first appointment to the benefit of the Tutorship Fund, in case the way should be fully open for that purpose. The Board, interpreting these instructions according to the provisions in the *scheme* previously adopted by Synod, did not feel themselves at liberty to proceed to the actual appointment,

but merely nominated certain brethren to Synod for election or appointment by your reverend body. The brethren thus nominated are, *for teaching tutor, Licentiate Wm. Reily,* and *for travelling tutor, Rev. B. Bausman.*

In regard to the subject of Beneficiary Education, which is also entrusted by Synod to the care of this Board, we report that although for a time the Treasurer experienced no little trouble in meeting the engagements of the Board to the Beneficiaries, yet the condition of the Treasury has been recently considerably relieved. In response to the appeal issued, liberal contributions have been made. There is at present a deficiency of about $400, which, however, should soon be cancelled, on account of the demands which will necessarily soon be made in support of the Beneficiaries. There is every reason to be encouraged to hope that this will soon be done. In order to this, however, it is necessary that the attention of the Church should continue to be directed to the matter. In every view there is great reason for devout thankfulness that, under the blessing of the Great Head of the Church, the Seminary in all its varied and solemn interests has been prospered during the past year, and we invoke, in conclusion, the same blessing to rest upon it during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN REBAUGH, *President.*

T. G. APPLE, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Board of Education of the German Reformed Church, in account with S. R. FISHER, *Treasurer.*

1860.		CR.	
Nov. 7	By cash from	Rev. J. Sechler,	$40,00
	"	" J. Kurtz,	25,00
	"	" F. W. Kremer,	26,71
21	"	" J. A. Mertz, returned,	20,00
	"	D. B. Russell,	2,50
	"	Rev. D. Y. Heisler, unknown friend,	5,00
	"	" S. H. Reid, Shirleysburg,	2,00
28	"	" A. G. Dole,	3,50
	"	Lewisburg charge,	6,50
Dec. 5	"	Rev. J. Beck,	32,00
	"	" A. R. Kremer.	10,00
12	"	1st Ger. Ref. ch., Reading,	15,00
19	"	Rev. J. Rebaugh,	5,00
	"	" J. V. Eckert,	5,00
	"	" D. Hefelfinger, dec'.,	163,54
	"	Proceeds of note discounted,	393,73
	"	Mrs. Lindsay, Pittsburg,	2,00
26	"	Rev. J. W. Santee,	20,00
	"	" W. Goodrich,	5,00
		Carried over,	$782,48

CR.

1861.		Amount brought over,	$782,48
Jan. 2	By cash from	Rev. M. A. Smith,	10,00
	"	" H. Heckerman,	25,00
	"	" L. G. Brown,	5,07
	"	" I. K. Loos,	5,00
9	"	Race street church, Philadelphia,	75,00
	"	Cath. Bear, Millersville,	5,00
	"	Reub. H. Bear, "	1,50
	"	Ed. S. Bear, "	1,50
	"	Rev. W. F. Colliflower,	5,00
	"	Dividend Harrisburg Bank,	11,25
16	"	Mrs. E. O. Bogar,	2,00
	"	Rev. S. S. Rickly, refunded,	120,00
23	"	" W. H. Groh,	10,00
	"	Joseph Laubach,	5,00
	"	Rev. J. H. Smaltz, donation,	10,00
	"	" J. O. Miller,	15,00
Feb. 6	"	" J. Beck,	23,00
	"	" H. W. Super,	25,00
	"	per J. A. Mertz, from Union cong. 5, Rev. G. W. M. Schultz 10, New Berlin cong. 5,60, and Rev. H. Wiegandt 10,	30,60
13	"	Infant son of Rev. J. Hannabery,	50
10	"	Rev. F. W. Kremer,	34,13
27	"	" L. C. Edmonds,	30,00
Mar. 6	"	" W. A. Helfrich,	57,00
13	"	J. Zollinger,	2,00
	"	Rev. J. Beck,	15,00
	"	" D. G. Klein,	5,00
	"	A Friend,	5,00
20	"	Race street church, Philadelphia,	65,00
	"	Rev. W. H. Groh,	5,00
27	"	" A. B. Caspar,	4,06
	"	J. A. Mertz, on receipt returned,	10,94
Apr. 2	"	Legacy of P. Cook, Esq., dec'd.,	277,50
3	"	Rev. J. D. Zehring,	20,00
	"	Bellefonte charge,	5,00
	"	Rev. B. Bausman, donation,	10,00
	"	Proceeds of note discounted,	344,50
17	"	J. H. Loux,	1,00
May 1	"	Rev. F. W. Kremer,	6,38
	"	" I. Miese,	5,00
	"	" J. Ault,	10,00
	"	1st church, Lebanon, Female Ben. Soc.,	32,81
	"	Ger. Ref. church, Chambersburg,	20,44
22	"	Rev. C. F. Hoffmeier,	17,00
	"	John Lerch,	10,00
	"	Rev. J. Hannabery,	2,00
	"	" A. S. Leinbach,	15,00
	"	" T. H. Leinbach,	16,00
	"	" J. Klein,	5,00
	"	" S. Miller,	4,22
	"	" N. Gehr,	43,50
29	"	" Wm. M. Deatrick,	10,00
	"	" J. Hassler,	5,00
	"	" Dr P. Schaff,	5,00
	"	" T. Fous,	10,00
		Carried forward,	$2,276,38

CR.

1861.		Amount brought forward,	$2,276,38
May 29	By cash from	Rev. D. Y. Heisler,	20,00
June 12	"	" B. Bausman, donation,	20,00
	"	per do., Widow's mite,	5,00
	"	Rev. H. Mosser,	13,00
	"	" J. Rebaugh,	5,00
	"	" I. K. Loos,	7,00
19	"	" G. Wolff,	15,57
26	"	Race street church, Philadelphia,	40,00
	"	Rev. A. L. Dechant,	5,00
July 3	"	" I. S Weisz,	25,00
	"	West Susq. Classis,	80,00
	"	Juv. Soc., Salem cong., Philadelphia,	10,00
	"	Rev. H. Wissler,	34,05
	"	" J. Kuelling,	4,00
	"	" J. H. Wagner,	20,00
	"	" W. E. Krebs,	9,37
	"	" J. W. Santee,	6,00
	"	" " per Fem. memb. of charge,	2,50
	"	" W. F. Colliflower,	9,79
10	"	" G. Wolff, part of annual contribution,	10,00
17	"	" F. W. Kremer,	2,93
	"	Dividend in Harrisburg Bank,	9,00
24	"	S. School, 2nd church Reading, Pa.,	10,00
	"	Rev. I. G. Brown,	21,00
	"	" H. W. Super,	25,00
	"	" T. G. Apple,	25,00
31	"	" J. Beck,	20,00
	"	Proceeds of note discounted,	541,38
	"	Rev. J. Sechler,	20,00
	"	" J. Lichtenstein,	16,25
	"	" J. W. Steinmetz,	12,50
	"	" M. A. Smith,	5,50
	"	" N. Gehr,	30,00
	"	" J. W. Hoffmeier,	5,00
	"	" I. Gerhart,	1,00
Aug. 7	"	" G. K. Zacharias,	16,73
	"	" J. Hannabery,	4,07
	"	" A. L. Dechant,	25,00
	"	" Wm. M. Deatrick,	36,00
14	"	Ger. Gef. church, Chambersburg,	15,78
	"	Rev. N. E. Gilds,	10,00
	"	A Sister,	5,00
	"	A friend, per G. L.,	5,00
	"	Rev. J. Beck,	25,00
	"	" D. Y. Heisler,	23,45
21	"	" G. B. Dechant,	13,00
	"	2nd church, Reading,	4,49
	"	Rev. H. Mosser,	15,00
	"	" D. Y. Heisler,	1,00
	"	" M. A. Smith,	2,50
28	"	" W. A. Helfrich,	50,00
	"	" F. W. Kremer,	5,24
	"	" A. B. Shenkle,	26,00
Sep. 4	"	" N. E. Gilds,	10,00
11	"	Hanover, Pa., cong.,	20,23
	"	Rev. W. R. H. Deatrick,	5,35
		Carried over,	$3,681,06

CR.

1861.		Amount brought over,	$3,681,06
Sep. 11	By cash from	Rev. T. Groesbüsch,	3,00
	"	" G. Wolff,	20,00
	"	G. Besore, Treas. of Theol. Sem., int. Clopp Legacy,	40,00
	"	Rev. G. E. Addams,	16,69
	"	Donation, Mrs. E. Decker, dec'd.,	10,00
	"	Rev. M Kratt, refunded,	18,00
14	"	M. Kieffer & Co., interest,	38,33
18	"	Rev. J. E. Heister,	12,20
	"	" H. Heckerman,	40,00
	"	" I. K. Loos,	15,00
25	"	" F. A. Rupley,	17,00
	"	" D. Weiser,	10,00
	"	" J. Sechler,	20,00
	"	" H. Wagner,	15,00
	"	Ger. Ref. church, Chambersburg,	10,75
	"	Lady at Mercersburg,	5,00
	"	West Susq. Classis, per J. A. Mertz, Treas.,	175,00
27	"	Rev. J. B. Knipe,	20,00
	"	" J. W. Santee,	20,00
	"	" J. H. Wagner,	10,00
	"	" J. G. Fritchey,	13,56
	"	" A. H. Kremer, 1st Ref. ch., Lancaster,	15,00
			$4,225,59

SUMMARY OF CREDITS.

Collections.	$2,268,36
Interest and Dividends,	98,58
Loans,	1,279,61
Collected from Rev. D. Hefelfinger's estate,	163,54
Rev. S. S. Rickley, refunded,	120,00
Rev. M. Kratt, refunded,	18,00
Legacy of Peter Cook's estate,	277,50
	$4,225,59

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1861.		To amount due Treasurer, last settlement,	$34,37
Sept. 14		paid Beneficiaries, as per vouchers,	2,529,32
		" Principal on loans,	975,00
		" Interest on loans,	29,39
		" Travelling expenses,	3,30
		" Postage on circulars,	1,75
		" Dr. H. Harbaugh, refunded,	5,57
		" Freight and telegraphing,	70
		" Collateral inheritance tax on legacy of P. Cook, Esq.,	12,50
		Balance in Treasury,	633,69
			$4,225,59

MONEY BORROWED BY TREASURER.

Note Mech. S. Bk.	due Oct. 11, '61,	$300,00
" Cham. S. Fund Ass.,	" 14, '61,	50,00
" Mech. S. Bk.,	" 28, '61,	550,00
" Bank,	Dec. 26, '61,	120,00
		$1,020,00

The undersigned certifies, that he examined the foregoing account, and compared the vouchers, and found it correct.

JOHN REBAUGH, President.

Sept. 28, 1861.

The committee to whom was referred the appeal of the Rev. Joshua H. Derr, submitted their report. The report was received, and then recommitted to the committee; and the Rev. Peter S. Fisher and Elder George Besore were substituted in the place of Rev. Charles F. McCauley and Elder George Hill, on the committee.

The Committee on Overtures submitted a second report, which was received, and disposed of item by item, as follows:

Item 5 A request from the German Reformed congregation of Lower Saucon township, Northampton county, that Rev. A. J. G. Dubs be reinstated as their pastor.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to inform the petitioners, that their petition is to be presented to the Classis in whose bounds their congregation is located.

Item 6. A letter from the Rev. John S. Foulk, complaining of the action of the Goshenhoppen Classis, in pronouncing the report of the Synod's Committee, of which he was chairman, on the change of the boundary line between it and the Classis of East Pennsylvania, incorrect and false in six of its statements.

Laid on the table, until the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes is taken up.

The report of the Committee on Overtures was adopted as far as made and the Committee continued.

The committee to whom was referred the appeal of the Rev. Peter S. Davis from the decision of the Classis of Philadelphia, submitted their report, which was received, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

The committee on the appeal of Rev. P. S. Davis from the Philadelphia Classis, report,

That they find the appeal in order, and would recommend the following action:

1. That the appellant have leave to state the grounds of the appeal.

2. That the delegates of said Classis appoint one of their number to defend its action, each speaker to be limited to thirty five minutes.

3. That the appellant have an opportunity to reply, after

which Synod shall decide whether the appeal shall be sustained, and take such further action as the case may require.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. LEINBACH, *Chairman.*

The report was laid on the table, to admit of the reception of the report of the committee to whom was referred the appeal of the Rev. Joshua H. Derr.

The committee on the appeal of the Rev. Joshua H. Derr submitted their report. It was received, amended, and adopted, and is as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the appeal taken by the Rev. J. H. Derr from the decision of the East Pennsylvania Classis, in regard to a complaint, touching the appointment of a Trustee over the property belonging to the German Reformed congregations in Allentown, beg leave to report,

That they find the appeal in order, and recommend the following order of procedure:

1. The Records in the case to be read.
2. The case to be opened by the appellant.
3. The case to be concluded in behalf of the Classis by its representative, with permission to the appellant to reply.
4. The speakers shall each be limited to one hour and thirty minutes.
5. The vote to be taken without discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. KREMER, *Chairman.*

The appeal was accordingly taken up, and the records in the case and grounds of appeal were read.

The further consideration of the appeal was laid on the table until to morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Resolved, That the Synod hold evening sessions after this evening.

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination submitted their report, which was received, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination respectfully report,

They have attended to the duty assigned them, in the examination of Mr. E. R. Eshbach, and that the examination was satisfactory. They accordingly recommend him for licensure.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN REBAUGH, *Chairman.*

The officers of Synod were instructed to furnish Mr. Eshbach with a certificate of licensure, upon his signing the formula prescribed in the case of applicants for licensure.

Elder William H. Frymire obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the sessions.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. Henry Wiegandt.

TUESDAY, October 1st, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. Franklin W. Kremer.

The Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read, amended and adopted.

Rev. Franklin W. Kremer, delegate secundus from the Classis of Lebanon, was admitted to the seat occupied by the primarius, Rev. Charles F. McCauley.

The appeal of the Rev. Joshua H. Derr was taken up. The appellant was heard in support of his appeal.

The Rev. John Beck was heard in support of the action of the Classis.

The Rev. Joshua H. Derr was heard in reply.

The vote was then taken on the appeal, and the appeal sustained by the following vote:

SUSTAIN.—H. Harbaugh, F. W. Kremer, J. Krouse, D. Young, J. Heilman, T. P. Bucher, H. Mosser, S. Philips, G. E. Addams, S. Wetzel, J. Marks, I. Loucks, J. Kuelling, W. F. Colliflower, D. Zacharias, J. Rodenmayer, J. Tice, G. S. Griffith, N. Gehr, S. G. Wagner, S. H. Giesy, J. Fitzgerald, W. M. Deatrick, H. Heckerman, J. Hannabery, T. G. Apple, G. Cook, W. Heyser, G. Besore, P. S. Fisher, N. S. Strassburger, L. Marsteller, A. Labach, J. F. Busche, H. Berge, T. C. Porter, H. S. Bassler, J. W Steinmetz, W. Goodrich, J. Coleman, H. Wiegandt, J. C. Bucher, E. Hess, F. Kleis, J. H. Apple, J. Hamm, D. B. Ernst, G. W. Williard. Total 48.

NOT SUSTAIN.—G. Shafer. Total 1.

The appeal of the Rev. Peter S. Davis was taken up. Rev. Mr. Davis was heard in statement of the grounds of his appeal.

Rev. Samuel H. Giesy was then heard in support of the action of Classis; and the Rev. Mr. Davis in reply.

The Synod proceeded to act on the appeal, when it was sustained by the following vote:

SUSTAIN.—J. Beck, D. F. Brendle, I. K. Loos, D. Odenwelder, H. Harbaugh, F. W. Kremer, A. S. Leinbach, J. Krouse, D. Young, T. P. Bucher, H. Mosser, S. Philips, G. E. Addams,

S. Wetzel, J Marks, I. Loucks, J. Kuelling, W. F. Colliflower, D. Zacharias, G. Shafer, J. Rodenmayer, J Tice, G. S. Griffith, W. M Deatrick, H. Heckerman, J. Hannabery, N. S. Strassburger, L. Marsteller, A. Labach, J. F. Busche, H. Berge, H. S. Bassler, J. W. Steinmetz, W. Goodrich, J. Coleman, H. Wiegandt, E. Hess, F. Kleis, J. H. Apple, J. Hamm, D. B. Ernst, G. G. Williard. Total 42.

NOT SUSTAIN.—G. Cook, W. Heyser, and G. Besore. Total 3.

Adjourned. Benediction by the President.

TUESDAY, October 1st, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. William Goodrich.

Rev. Albert Helffenstein, Jr, and Rev. Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart, from the Classis of Lancaster, appeared and took their seats as advisory members.

Rev. Samuel Hess, delegate primarius from the Classis of Goshenhoppen, resumed the seat occupied by the secundus, Rev. Augustus L. Dechant.

The Synod proceeded to the election. Rev. William M. Deatrick and William Goodrich, were appointed tellers, who received the ballots and retired to count them.

One hundred copies of the portrait of the Rev. Thomas Pomp, deceased, were presented to Synod by William H. Lawall, Esq It was

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be returned to the kind donor for his acceptable gift.

Rev. John C. Bucher and Elder William Heyser were appointed a committee to distribute the portraits among the members of Synod.

Rev. Albert Helffenstein. Jr., Trustee of the Widows' Fund Society appointed by Synod, submitted the following report, which was received :

To the Reverend Synod of the German Reformed Church convened at Easton, September 25th, 1861.

DEAR BRETHREN—I appear before you on this occasion as the Trustee of the Widows' Fund of your honorable body, with the view of making a final statement of all monies now in my hands and placing them under your entire control.

It is unnecessary perhaps to dwell on the origin of this fund. Suffice it for me at present to state, that it came from Holland, and was designed expressly for the support of the Widows of

deceased Preachers of the German Reformed Church of the United States of America. By reference to the old charter and other papers connected with it, which I will hand over to you, you will be able at your leisure to examine and more fully and satisfactorily to understand its ancient history.

Not many years previous to the decease of Rev. W. Hendel, D. D., of Womelsdorf, he and Rev. S. Helffenstein, Sr., of Philadelphia, fearing that the old Society might become extinct and the money lost, resolved to make, and did make Synod the owner, the resolution to take full effect after the death of Mrs. J. Rauhauser and Mrs. A. C. Helffenstein, at that time having a vested right in the funds of an annuity (each) of $66,66. Accompanied with the transfer of the funds was a request, that the members of Synod establish a society, and to extend its benefits also to superannuated preachers, a plan suggested by these Fathers to carry out, as they thought, more effectually and permanently the object of the funds.

A society of the kind, accordingly, was formed at the meeting of Synod held in Norristown, Pa., in 1849, of which Society I was elected Treasurer: and at the same time, on the resignation of Dr. Berg. as Trustee of the Widows' Fund, was substituted in his place by the appointment of Synod, sanctioned by Rev S. Helffenstein, D. D., the only surviving Trustee of the old Society The Synod, at this time, it ought to be recollected, was not yet incorporated and therefore incompetent legally to hold the aforenamed funds.

These funds when first put into my hands consisted of nine shares of stock of the Pennsylvania Bank, the par value of which was $100, and ten shares of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank, the par value of which was $50. Judging Bank Stocks, from past experience, to be an unsafe investment, I determined to sell them at my own risk, and after watching for a suitable opportunity to effect my purpose, I obtained for the nine shares of the Pennsylvania Bank (each) $115⅝—for eight shares of the F. and M. $67, and for the remaining two $69, all of which made a profit of $309,30 above the par value, after deducting Broker's commission of the amount of $5,32.

My fears with regard to the Pennsylvania Bank have been realized; for as we all know, it has been for some time a broken concern; and the stock now, I suppose, is worth nothing. The successful sale of the stock while the bank was yet solvent, or in good repute, I regard a favorable indication of Providence, and should prove a stimulus to Synod to make renewed exertions to perpetuate and increase this benevolent fund. Though the stock was sold at my own risk, and though all losses sustained by the operation, in case the stock had risen, might justly have been placed to my account, we cheerfully relinquish all claims to the profits of the sale (if we have any) for the use and benefit of the widows and *superannuated* already specified.

The whole amount of funds, principal and interest, in my hands by the first of October, 1861, after the full payment of all expenses, will be $2,879,00.

After the death of Mrs. Rauhauser, which happened in the year 1854, I proposed to the new society, as an encouragement, as soon as they were legally organized, to pay them annually the interest growing out of the principal of the old society. Again and again we repeated our request but without the desired effect. Some of them were indeed exceedingly anxious to have both the principal and interest at their own disposal, but still remained without a seal to give validity to their acts, held irregular meetings, and started the proposition, whether the funds might not be devoted to some other purpose than that intended by the donors. Against this proposition I warmly protested. They had no legal claim either on the principal or interest of the money until the death both of Mrs. J. Rauhauser and Mrs. A. C. Helffenstein; and as I had given my indemnifying bond to the F. and M. bank before I was permitted to sell their stock, thus rendering myself responsible for the improper use of the proceeds of the sale, I therefore refused to comply with their request in appropriating them to a purpose foreign to the design of the donors.

With these considerations in view, as the Synod is now incorporated, I am anxious of making a settlement of accounts with your reverend body, and of transferring into your hands, through the medium of your Board of Incorporation, whatever monies may belong to what is generally called the Widows' Fund.

Yours in Christ,
ALBERT HELFFENSTEIN, Jr.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Rev. Albert Helffenstein, Jr, be instructed to transfer the funds of the Widows' Fund Society in his hands, to the Trustees of Synod.

Resolved, That the thanks of Syond be tendered to the Rev. Albert Helffenstein, Jr., for the faithful manner in which he has managed the funds entrusted to his care.

Resolved, That the papers of the Widows' Fund Association be referred to the Trustees of Synod.

Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff presented the following statement in regard to the efforts made by him to increase the Library of the Theological Seminary, which was received and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary:

The undersigned begs leave to report to Synod the result of recent efforts to increase the Library of the Theological Seminary:

It is well known that the Library of our Seminary is very defective, especially in the English department, and has no fund, like most institutions of similar character and standing, to keep up with the increase of literature. By far the greatest part were collected more than thirty years ago by the agent of the Seminary, the late Rev. Mr. Reily, from liberal friends in Germany. No very material addition has been made to it since. The Synod repeatedly rcommended the pastors to take up collections for the purpose, but without effect. The increase of a theological library is not one of those objects which, like the missionary and beneficiary cause, appeal to the charity of every congregation, but must mainly depend upon the liberality of the intelligent and educated members, who are able to appreciate the literary wants of students, and who know that a learned institution without a good library is like an arsenal without arms, or like a house without furniture.

Under these circumstances I felt it my duty ever since my connection with the Seminary to make from time to time such additions to the library as seemed to be most needed. Since the last meeting of Synod, I solicited on my own responsibility donations in books and money from a number of personal friends outside and inside of our Church, and it affords me pleasure to report that this effort, though limited in extent, was quite encouraging, and would have been even more so, if the troubles of the country had not interfered with its progress.

The following are the donations in books and money received during the current Synodical year, including some unpaid subscriptions.

New York City—Messrs. Charles Scribner $100, (his standard publications), Robert Carter & Bro. $50, (ditto), D. Appleton & Co., $30, (10 vols. of New American Cyclopedia,) John Wiley 7 vols., George Douglas $50, Gustav Schwab $50.

Philadelphia—Messrs. Lindsay & Blakiston 17 vols., Lippincott & Co., 17 vols., Presbyterian Board of Publication $30, (their standard publications), Lewis Audenried $20, C. Santee $20, John Wiest $20, D. James $10, G. W. Fahnestock $10, G. H. Stuart $10, George Gelbach $10, P. Creswell $5, P. C. Wanner $5, C. Wannemacher $5, Dr. Wm. Maybury $5.

Hagerstown, Md—Messrs. George Kealhofer $10, David Zeller $10, Judge Weisel $5, Dixon Roman, Esq., $5, H. M Marshall $5, D. C. Hammond $5, Peter Negley $2,50, A. Armstrong $5, a Lady $5.

Salem's church, near Hagerstown—Daniel Zeller $5, Mrs. Col. Schnebly $10, Col. H. Fouke $5, John Tice $5.

Harrisburg, Pa.—Hon. John C. Kunkel $10, Rud. F. Kelker $10, Kelker & Bro. $10, D. W Gross $5.

Lebanon, Pa—Hon. J. W. Killinger $10, Dr. Gloninger, Sr.

$15, Dr. Cyrus Gloninger, $10, J. Krouse & J. W. Mish $5, Dr. B. F. Schneck $5 J. Weidle $2, J. Meily $2,50, J. B. Heister $3, W. M. Guilford $2, Samuel Heilman $2.

Lancaster, Pa.—Mr. E. J. Zahm $5, Hon. Judge Long $5.

Chambersburg, Pa—Messrs. W. Heyser $15, Barnard Wolff $5, Judge Nill $5, J. K. Shryock $2,50.

Waynesboro', Pa—Mr. George Besore $20.

Greencastle, Pa.—Messrs. A. B. Wingert $10, Charles Hartman $5, Jona. Keefer $5.

Bedford, Pa.—John Cesna, Esq. $5.

Allentown, Pa.—Messrs. Hiram Guth $5, J. Young $5, Joseph Weiss $5, John Oliver, Esq. $3.

Catasaqua and Howertown, Pa.—(Rev. Cyrus Becker's charge)—Messrs. Jos. Laubach, Sr. $5, Jos. Laubach Jr. $5, John Laubach $5, Adam Laubach $5, Samuel Laubach $5, G. Audenrieth $5.

Sumnytown, Pa.—Mr. Daniel Jacobi $2.

Baltimore, Md.—Messrs. A. Schumacher $10, Wm. Schley, $20, G. S. Griffith $10, W. J. Albert $10.

Frederick, Md.—Messrs. Christian Steiner $5, L. D. Brengle $5.

Boonsboro, Md.—Messrs. Elias Davis $5, John Nicodemus $2,

Pittsburg, Pa.—Messrs. B. Wolff, Jr. $20, M Whitmore $5, W. E. Schmertz $5, George Reiter $5.

Mercersburg, Pa.—Messrs. Dr. P. S. $60 (in books), W. D McKinstry $5, Judge J. O. Carson $5, George Cook $5, Rev. Jos. S Loose $2.

York, Pa.—Samuel Wagner $20.

Milton, Pa.—W. H. Frymire $5.

Easton, Pa—Messrs. W. H. Lawall $5, James Hess $5, J. Rader $5, David Garis $3, Mrs. Margaret Beidleman $5, Mrs. Col. Maria Yohe $5, Dr. Detwiller $5, John Davis $5, M. H. Jones, Esq. $5, Dr. John Vanderveer $5, Cash $1, Cash $2.

The money as far as received has been judiciously invested in useful theological and miscellaneous works in the English and German language. These, together with the books donated, make an addition to the Library of nearly 700 volumes. The shelves are now all filled, and the proper preservation of the books would require some new shelves.

The Synod owes its thanks to the liberal donors, especially those who are not members of our communion, and have yet most cheerfully responded to the application for aid.

May I not express the hope that some wealthy friend of the Seminary may remember its library in his will and create a permanent fund for the regular supply of the demand, and

students in acquiring a thorough train-
the various branches of theological learning.

It may be proper in this connection to inform the Synod, that the State Department of Washington favored the Seminary with a donation of 17 volumes of State papers valued at $221. The box containing these documents was unfortunately destroyed by fire, together with the warehouse of Oaks & Austin, at Greencastle, Pa., to which it was assigned. Steps have been taken to recover the loss and to secure another set.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP SCHAFF.

Theol. Sem., Mercersburg, Sep. 13, 1861.

P. S.—No special expenses of any account were incurred in this agency, except $14,50 for several boxes and freight of books from New York and Philadelphia to Mercersburg, which the Synod is respectfully requested to refund.

Elder Jesse Coleman obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the sessions.

The tellers reported the following as the result of the election:

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

To the German Reformed Synod of Ohio and adjacent States.—Rev. Dr. John H. A. Bomberger, *primarius*, and Rev. Jacob Hassler, *secundus*.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.—Rev. Dr. John W. Nevin, *primarius*, and Rev. Thomas C. Porter, *secundus*.

To the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States.—Rev. Dr. John S. Kessler, *primarius*, and Rev. Benjamin Bausman, *secundus*.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The following members of the former Board were retained: William Heyser, George Besore, Henry Ruby, Joshua Motter, David Zeller, George Cook, Charles Hartman, Daniel W Gross, David Hensell, George Z. Kunkel, George P. Etchberger, Adam Wingert, Bernard Wolff, Martin Rickenbaugh, James Cushwa, John H. Winterode, and Dr. Stephen B. Kieffer. In the place of the one whose name is omitted, John W. Coon, of Waynesboro, Pa., was elected.

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The following persons were re-elected: Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Fisher, Daniel G. Bragonier, John Rebaugh, Amos H. Kremer, Charles F. McCauley, Dr. Henry Harbaugh, Henry W. Super.

Jacob Hassler, Frederick A. Rupley, Thomas G. Apple, Joseph W. Santee, and Benjamin Bausman.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The following persons were re-elected: Rev. John Rebaugh, Henry W. Super, Frederick A. Rupley, Samuel Philips and Messrs. John Lambert, James Nill, Lyman S. Clark, Jacob Heyser and John Bowman.

BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

From the Classis of East Pennsylvania.—Rev. John Beck, and Daniel Y. Heisler.

" " *Lebanon.*—Rev. Franklin W. Kremer and Aaron S. Leinbach.

" " *Zion.*—Rev. Jacob O. Miller, and Theodore P. Bucher.

" " *Maryland.*—Rev. John S. Foulk, and Walter E. Krebs.

" " *North Carolina.*—Rev. Jeremiah Ingold and Thornton Butler.

" " *Philadelphia.*—Rev. Dr. John H. A. Bomberger and Nicholas Gehr.

" " *Virginia.*—Rev. George H. Martin and Daniel Feete.

" " *Mercersburg.*—Rev. John Rebaugh and Thomas G. Apple.

" " *New York*—Rev. John F. Busche and Dedrich Willers.

" " *Goshenhoppen.*—Rev. Daniel Weiser and N. S. Strassburger.

" " *Lancaster.*—Rev. Isaac Gerhart and Daniel Gans.

" " *East Susquehanna.*—Rev. Albert G. Dole and William Goodrich.

" " *West Susquehanna.*—Rev. Charles H. Leinbach and Israel S. Weisz.

" " *Clarion.*—Rev. Joseph H. Apple and Joseph G. Shoemaker.

" " *St. Paul.*—Rev. D. B. Ernst and Samuel N. Callender.

From the Church in General.—Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh, Thodore Appel, Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart, John G. Wiehle, Samuel H. Giesy, Peter S. Davis, Samuel G. Wagner, and Messrs. Daniel W. Gross, Charles Santee, and John Weist.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

OFFICERS.—Rev. Dr. Elias Heiner, *President* and *Treasurer*;

Rev. Daniel Ziegler, *Recording Secretary;* and Rev. Dr. Bernard C. Wolff, *Corresponding Secretary.*

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—Rev. Diedrich Willers, Dr. Daniel Zacharias, William F. Colliflower, John S. Foulk, and Messrs. John Rodenmayer, John Keafauver, Joseph K. Milnor, Christian Steiner, and Goldsboro S. Griffith.

Resolved, That the Licentiate, Edward R. Eshbach, be dismissed to the Classis of Westmoreland of the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States.

Rev. Beale M. Schmucker, delegate from the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States, appeared, presented the evidences of his appointment, and took his seat. He also laid before Synod copies of the Minutes of the body he represents, which were referred to the Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches.

The report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes was taken up and disposed of as follows:

IRREGULARITIES.

Items 1, 2, 3 and 4 under this head were severally adopted.

REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

Item 1. In reference to the request contained in this item, it was

Resolved, That this request be granted.

Item 2. In reference to the request referred to in this item, it was

Resolved, That this request be referred to the Classis of Zion and that they be requested to accede to it.

Item 3. In reference to the request contained in this item, it was

Resolved, That the Synod decline acceding to this request.

Item 4. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

5. In reference to the request contained in this item, it was

Resolved, That the request be granted.

Items 6 and 7. The requests in these items were acceded to.

Item 8. Referred to the Committee on Fihance.

9. In reference to the request reported in this item, it was

Resolved, That the Classis of Goshenhoppen be directed to accede to the wishes of the Classis of East Pennsylvania, in case they have not already done so.

Item 10. In reference to the complaint reported in this item, it was

Resolved, That this matter, together with the letter from the Rev. John S. Foulk, reported by the Committee on Overtures, be referred to a committee.

Rev. Franklin W. Kremer, William Goodrich and Elder Henry Berge constitute this committee.

Item 11. Laid on the table until the subject of the Liturgy is taken up.

Item 12. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Item 13. Laid on the table until the subject of the German Hymn book is taken up.

SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

Item 1. Referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Thomas C. Porter, John W. Steinmetz, John F. Busche, and Elders John Rodenmayer and John Krouse.

Item 2. This item was adopted.

In this connection, the request of the West Susquehanna Classis in regard to adding an Index of tunes to the German Hymn book, was taken into consideration. It was

Resolved, That Synod cannot accede to this request.

Adjourned. Prayer by Elder John Heilman.

TUESDAY, Ocober 1st, 7 o'clock, P. M.

Rev. John Gantenbein, delegate primarius from the Classis of East Pennsylvania, resumed the seat occupied by the secundus, Rev. Daniel F. Brendle.

Rev. George B. Russell, from the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, appeared and took his seat as an advisory member.

The report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes was continued :

SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

Item 3. Adopted.

Item 4. The subject referred to in this item, was discussed. Before it was disposed of the Synod adjourned.

Before the vote for adjournment was taken, Elder Jacob Marks obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the sessions.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Emanual V. Gerhart.

WEDNESDAY, October 2nd, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Thomas G. Apple.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read, amended and adopted

Rev. David B. Ernst obtained leave of optional attendance during the remainder of the sessions.

Several documents were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A bill of expenses to the amount of $6,78, incurred by the chairman of the committee on the Tricentennial celebration, was laid before Synod.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to pay this claim.

Rev. Joseph Hannabery was appointed to take up a collection to pay the sexton for services rendered during the present sessions of Synod, and also the expenses incurred in printing the Nominations for the use of Synod.

Resolved, That the Synod intermit its sessions this evening, in order to afford an opportunity to attend upon the Anniversary exercises of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Item 4, Subjects Referred to Classes, of the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, under discussion at the close of last evening's session, was continued. Before it was disposed of, Synod adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. Samuel H. Giesy.

WEDNESDAY, October 2nd, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Daniel Zacharias.

Item 4, Subjects Referred to Classes, of the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, under discussion at the close of this morning's session, was continued. The subject was eventually disposed of by the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Provisional Liturgy be placed in the hands of the original committee for final revision; and that the committee be instructed to consider the suggestions of the Classes as given in the minutes of their late meetings, and use them in the revision of the work, as far as the general unity of

the work will allow, and in a way that shall not be inconsistent either with established liturgical principles and usages, or with the devotional and doctrinal genius of the German Reformed Church. That the committee be requested to report at the next annual meeting of Synod, if possible, with a view of bringing this devotional work to the consummation desired by the Church, during the Tricentennial commemoration year of the Heidelburg Catechism.

Adjourned until the close of the Anniversary exercises of the Board of Foreign Missions, to be observed this evening.

Prayer by Rev. John C. Bucher.

WEDNESDAY, October 2nd, 9 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. George W. Williard.

Rev. Henry Wiegandt, Henry S. Bassler, Samuel G. Wagner, and Elder Elijah Hess, obtained leave of absence for the remainder of of the sessions.

The following annual report was received from the Board of Foreign Missions, and referred to the Committee on Missions:

The President of the Board of Foreign Missions begs leave to present as their report to Synod this year, the following account of the work in Syria, just received from our missionary, Rev. Dr. Schneider. It will be seen that the mission continues in a highly prosperous condition, and that its field of usefulness is extending more and more. The Treasurer's report shows that there has been some increase of funds over the last year; still, our contributions are much below what they ought to be. If all our delinquent churches would even contribute to the same extent as those do that are mentioned in the Treasurer's report, the annual amount would be eight or ten times greater than what it is. At any rate our contributions ought to be very much larger than what they now are. The following is Dr. Schneider's report of the Aintab mission for the last year:

AINTAB, August 13, 1861.

Rev. E. Heiner, D. D., Baltimore, President Board F. M. Ger. Ref. Church.

MY DEAR BROTHER:—I had intended to give you an account of our work several weeks since. But the heat has been excessive and I have felt so much prostrated by it for some fifteen or twenty days that I could not perform my ordinary duties.

I am, however, nearly restored to my usual health, and I embrace this opportunity to write you. I hope it may reach you before the meeting of Synod, though I have some fears it may be a little late. I regret this delay, but it has been unavoidable. In a letter written a year since, I spoke of a new Theological class to be formed in the fall. This was done, consisting of seven members, one of whom is from Aintab and the remaining six from the vicinity. The majority of them are men of decided talent and all of them possess an excellent Christian spirit. They promise to make very useful men, and it is a source of great pleasure to instruct them.

They manifest a very lively interest in the great doctrines of the gospel and enter into the discussion of them with a degree of intelligence and interest that is very gratifying. It is now nearly a year since I commenced giving them instruction, and besides Lectures on the Principles of Hermeneutics and Exposition, they have been taken over some of the main doctrines of Revelation, of which they have an intelligent biblical view. Their studies will be protracted to next spring at least, and if the pressing wants of the field will allow of it to a longer period. When these seven shall be licensed, *sixteen preachers of the gospel will have been raised up in Aintab.* The four students who were licensed last spring have been preaching in the vicinity and three of them have received calls to settle—one over a small church in Antioch, so famous in apostolic times, (from which Paul and Barnabas went forth on the first foreign mission;) one over a church in Biregik on the Euphrates; and a third over the church and congregation in Killis, thirty five hours south west of Aintab. We hope before many months, they will all be ordained over these several churches.

The church and community in this city have been in a state of harmony and peace. Additions have been made to both. From a recent careful examination, it is found that the gospel has entered some 450 or 460 families, in whole or in part, and the whole number of Protestants, male and female, small and great, is 2,016. Is not this a large congregation, and to look after all its interests and properly care for their spiritual good is a work of great responsibility and care. Our Sabbath audience is about one thousand and sometimes more—and the truth is listened to with interest. It is a source of great pleasure to proclaim the precious gospel to so many—and, we could wish our ministerial brethren in America no higher satisfaction than to stand before this audience, with full command of the language, to preach to them Christ and him crucified. The Sabbath school through the year has continued much as when I last wrote. The interest in it has *not abated.* There is about the same number of classes and pupils.

The children are being trained in singing their little hymns and the effect is truly pleasant. All the classes have been formed

into benevolent societies—each having a separate name. These are some of them: "Mercy Drops," "Fountain of Life," "Fountain in the Desert," "Offering of Love," &c., &c. The Teacher is the Treasurer of the Society. The design is that a small contribution be made every Sabbath. And once or twice a year, the contributions are brought into one and devoted to some special object.

In February last, after these Societies had been formed, some four months, about thirty dollars were thus collected and sent to purchase Bibles for inquirers after the truth in Italy. The object of this arrangement is to cultivate in childhood a habit of giving, that it may grow up with them to manhood. It is not so much the amount given as the forming and strengthening of this habit of benevolence which we deem important. Another Sabbath school has been formed mainly by Mrs. Schneider's efforts in an Armenian quarter of the town, in which the truth has as yet made but little impression. It is considered the most hopeless and abandoned part of the city. The people being so opposed and hardened against the truth has separated it from the rest of the city.

By means of this Sabbath school and a day school, an inroad has been made. The Sabbath school commenced with some twenty pupils—now there are sixty or seventy. Our hope is that it may result finally in the opening of another place of worship in this city. We see no reason to doubt that with persevering efforts this hope may be realised. In the matter of benevolence our people have done well, though we should have been glad to have seen more accomplished.

The missionary society, of whose formation I apprized you last year, have contributed $137, which supported the preaching of the gospel and a school at one of our out stations.

For other benevolent objects they have given $212,76 cents, maning a total of $349,76 cents. This is independent of what they have given towards the schools and other expenses of the community. Our schools containing six hundred pupils continue to flourish. About three fifths of these children have Armenian parents. As the Bible is the text book and catechetical instruction is regularly given, these young minds are imbued with the truth, and will doubtless embrace it when grown up and be its friends and advocates. In the out stations there has been encouraging progress. At each of them the gospel is gaining a foothold and every year increases the prospect of final success.

Having given you the cheerful and promising side of the picture, I must now give you the painful side. I refer to the prospect of being obliged to suspend some of our operations for want of funds occasioned by the war in America. The amount promised by the American Board for the year, though all needed and indeed less than we could profitably spend, will, we are

informed, not be forthcoming. The inevitable consequence must be that some part of our work must suffer. We must either abandon some of our out stations and call home the Native Helpers, or we must dismiss some of our students preparing to become preachers and pastors, or we must disband some of our flourishing schools. Some of these sad consequences must follow unless help come to us from some source. The Female Boarding School has not yet gone into operation. We have neither a house for it nor are there funds to board the pupils—and so it must remain a day school. This is to be exceedingly regretted, as educated wives for our native helpers and pastors to be furnished from this school are very much needed.

These prospects embarrass us—but we know the work is the Lord's—and He will take care of it.

Affectionately yours,

B. SCHNEIDER.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Board of Foreign Missions of the German Reformed Church, in account with ELIAS HEINER, *Treasurer.*

1860.		CR.	
Oct.	18	By balance in Treasurer's hands at settlement, amounts received from Oct. 18, 1860, to Sept. 26, 1861, as follows:	$229,28
	24	Rev. W. H. Groh, Boalsburg charge,	10,00
	29	Rev. R. Douglas,	5,00
	31	Geo. Haas, Esq., col. in Rev. M. G. I. Stern's Ger. Ref. Sab. School, Indianapolis, Ind.,	6,54
Nov.	2	Rev. C. A. Limberg, Pres. Troutville Miss. Soc., Clearfield county, Pa.,	11,00
		Per same, from the Paradise Sab. School, Jefferson, Pa.,	2,00
	5	Per A. H. Baughman, Xenia, O., from Rev. C. Saure, collection in his church, third Ger. Ref., Cincinnati,	30,00
	16	Rev. J. C. Klar, Stoutville, Fairfield county, Ohio,	10,00
	19	Jonathan Klein, Esq., per Rev. Samuel Hess, Hellerstown, Pa.,	8,00
Dec.	4	Rev. W. F. Colliflower, collection Jefferson charge, per J. Rodenmayer, Supt. Md. Classis,	10,00
1861.			
Jan.	2	Rev. D. Weiser, col. in his charge for suffering Syrian Christians,	20,00
	5	John Wiest, Esq., col. in Race street ch , S. S., Phila.,	15,21
	8	Rev. H. Rust, Sab. School, Cincinnati, Ohio, 6,94, and From children of C. H. Sommerkamp 1,06,	8,00
		A Friend, Terre Haute, Indiana,	5,00
		Eva Hauk,	50
		Per Rev. C. Ruths,	1,00
		Collection at a prayer meeting, Tiffin, Ohio,	3,04
		Rev. J. Knie,	2,00
		Rev. J. Wasnich, collected at a prayer meeting,	5,00
		Carried over,	$382,57

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1861.		Amount brought over,	$382,57
Jan.	2	From L. D. 38 cts, Maria O., 10 cts.,	48
		Tr. Triestenberger 3,50, and C. Kemm 38 cts.,	3,88
		Collection in Cleaveland, Ohio,	12,50
		do. do. do.	35,29
		H. Schaff, Waldo, Ohio,	2,50
		J. P., Sheboygan, for suffering Syrians,	1,00
		Rev. John C. Henneman, Beaver, Pike county, Ohio,	5,00
		Per Rev. Dr. S. R Fisher, for suffering Syrian Christians, as follows:	
		J. Rentz 4,00, Rev. W. H. Groh 15,00, V. Snyder 5,00 Editor of German paper 10,00, Rev. N. Gehr 1,00, Rev. J. D. Zehring 7,00, Ed. Kirchenzeitung 1,00,	43,00
	23	Female Friend, per Rev. C. A. Limberg, Troutville, O., for suffering Syrians,	1,00
	30	Rev. John Beck, Easton, Pa., contribution from his Sab School,	50,00
Feb.	4	Rev. Dr. Schneck, for suffering Syrians, as follows:	
		Sharon cong., Wisconsin, Rev. Dr. Bossard, pastor,	5,00
		Congregation of Rev. Mr. Gackenheimer, Leslie, O.,	8,00
	15	Rev. P. Herbruck, Canton, Ohio 14,00 and for suffering Syrians 14,19, for Aintab Mission,	28,19
	28	Rev. J. C. Klar, Stoutsville, Ohio, additional,	10,00
Mar.	12	Rev. John Külling, 4th Ger. Ref. church, Balt., per J. R., Supt Maryland Classis,	10,00
	15	Children's mission of the Sunday School of the Ger. Bethel cong., Phila., Rev. G. E. Gramm, pastor,	18,00
Apr.	11	Rev. H. Rust, Sab. school of 1st G. R. church, Cincinnati, Ohio, additional,	6,21
	26	Rev. C. A. Limberg, Troutville, Clearfield co., Pa., from the Troutville Miss. Society,	13,00
May	27	Rev. Jesse Steiner, Glade charge, Maryland,	5,00
	31	J. A. Mertz, Esq., Tr. West Susq. Classis, as follows:	
		Mite Society of G. R. church at Lewisburg, Pa.,	4,00
		Rev. F. J. Mohr, Williamsport charge,	18,75
		Rev. D. S. Tobias, Rebersburg charge,	20,25
June	4	Rev. J. Sechler, from Redeemer's ch., Littlestown, Pa.,	24,00
	15	John Rodenmayer, Sup. Maryland Classis, as follows:	
		Rev. W. E. Krebs, Emmittsburg congregation,	9,38
		Rev. J. W. Santee, from a female Christian,	10,00
		Rev. W. F. Colliflower, Jefferson charge, Md.,	10,00
July	22	Rev. Dr. S. R. Fisher, as acknowledged by him in Mess.:	
		Rev. D. F. Brendle,	6,00
		Rev. J. D. Zehring,	9,76
		Rev. F. W. Kremer, Lebanon, Pa.,	26,78
		Rev. Mr. Wiegant,	15,00
		Mite Society, Lewisburg, Pa.,	3,50
		Rev. H. Mosser,	19,06
		Rev. J. T. Etter,	3,00
		Rev. F. W. Kremer, Lebanon, additional,	34,13
		Rev. J. Zollinger,	1,00
		Rev. C. Plüss,	5,00
		Savings of Alice P.,	2,28
		Rev. Mr. Hackman for suffering Syrians,	2,00
		Estate of P. Cook, deceased, net,	265,00
		Rev. Mr. Miese,	9,00
		Carried forward,	$1,138,51

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1861.		Amount brought forward,	$1,138,51
July	22	From Rev. Mr. Riale,	8,00
		Rev. F. W. Kremer, Lebanon, additional,	49,00
		Rev. N. Gehr, Philadelphia.,	12,00
		Rev. T. Fous,	5,00
		A Lady, per A. H. K.,	5,00
		Heidelberg S. School, Berks county, Pa.,	1,00
		Rev. H. Mosser, additional,	5,25
		Rev. F. C. Bausman,	40
		Jacob Feller,	1,00
Aug.	27	Rev. J. T. Kluge, Sheboygan, Wisconsin,	5,00
Sept.	8	John Wiest, Esq., Race street church, Philadelphia,	19,66
	12	Rev. E. D. Shoemaker, Treas. Clarion Classis, from the Troutville Miss. Society,	10,00
	25	Rev. Dr. Heiner's church and Sabbath School, 2nd street, Baltimore, per G. S. Griffith, Esq., Treas.,	100,00
			$1,354,82

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1861.			
July	26	To cash to American Board, Boston, for Aintab Mission, including $71,00 for suffering Christians, forwarded in January,	$1,000,00
		To discount,	13,04
		To postage,	1,00
		Balance in Treasury, Sept. 25, 1861,	340,78
			$1,354,82

The undersigned have examined the above report, and find it correct. The disbursements are supported by proper vouchers.

JNO. S. HANAN,
JNO. Z. HEINER.

The report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes was laid on the table, in order to afford the delegate from the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, the Rev. George W. Williard, an opportunity to take leave of Synod. He accordingly addressed the Synod in a series of appropriate remarks, which were cordially responded to in a brief address by the President.

The committee appointed to take up a collection for compensating the sexton for his services and for the payment of expenses for printing Nominations, reported that he realized $14,94, which were directed to be applied to the purpose for which they are intended.

The Report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes was resumed.

Item 4, Subjects Referred to Classes, was continued. Rev. Dr. John W. Nevin offered his resignation, as a member of the

Liturgy Committee. Before it was disposed of, the Synod adjourned.

Benediction by the President.

THURSDAY, October 3rd, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. William M. Deatrick.

The Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and adopted.

Resolved, That during the remainder of the present sessions, the members of Synod be limited to five minutes in each of their speeches, except by express permission of Synod.

Rev. Dr. John H. A. Bomberger, delegate primarius from the Classis of Philadelphia, resumed the seat occupied by the secundus, Rev. Samuel H. Giesy.

The subject under discussion at the close of last evening's session, the resignation of Rev. Dr. Nevin as a member of the Liturgy Committee, was continued. A motion to accept his resignation was lost.

The report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes was laid on the table for the present.

The following report was received from the Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches and adopted:

Your Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches, would respectfully report,

That the only documents received by them, are the Minutes of the German Reformed Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, and the "Minutes of the one hundred and fourteenth Annual Session of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States."

The Western Synod of the German Reformed Church convened on the 29th day of May, 1861, in Delaware, Ohio. Our delegate, the Rev. P. Schaff, D. D., whose report has already been received, represented this Synod before that body. The following items in their Minutes require the attention of this Synod.

1.) The appointing of a committee, consisting of the Rev. G. B. Russell, M. Kieffer, D. D., and J. H. Klein, to co-operate with a similar committee of this Synod, in order to carry out the plan already adopted for the Tricentennial Celebration of the Heidelberg Catechism.

2.) The Western Synod calls the attention of this Synod to the fact, that all its Classes have consented to the adoption of the new German Hymn Book, published by Dr. Schaff, as the authorised Hymn Book of the Church

3.) The Rev. G. W. Williard was elected as the delegate *primarius*, and Rev. S. B. Leiter as his *secundus*, to this body. The former appeared in our midst, and took a lively interest in the deliberations of this body, up to yesterday evening.

From the Minutes of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, it appears, that our delegate, the Rev. N. Gehr, has attended its annual meeting, and that the Rev. B. M. Schmucker, whose presence has already been announced, was elected delegate, to represent that body on the floor of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

N. GEHR, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Missions submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Missions respectfully submit the following report.

The usual documents, the reports of the Presidents and Treasurers of the Boards of Foreign and Domestic Missions, placed in the hands of the Committee, are full, and give encouraging evidence of the continued prosperity of these two important interests committed to our care, for which the gratitude of the Synod is due to the Great Head of the Church.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Accompaning the report of the President of the Board of Foreign Missions is a very interesting letter from our missionary at Aintab, the Rev. Dr. Schneider, conveying the gratifying intelligence of the continued success of his missionary labors in that distant land. This letter, however, is accompanied with the statement of his fears at the same time, that, for want of funds, owing to the war in America, the operations of that interesting missionary field may become greatly circumscribed during the coming year, in view of which the Committee recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That Synod, through the Classes, urge upon the membership of the Church the importance and need of more enlarged contributions to the cause of Foreign Missions.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The report of the President of the Home Board presents evidence of their untiring efforts in the promotion of that important trust committed to their hands. The extent of their labors, during the past year, has only been limited by the want of means to enlarge still further the field of their operations. There has been some *falling off in the* contributions to this

cause during the past year, while the field is widening, and its wants growing year by year. It is earnestly hoped, that the troubles of the country may not so relax the energies of our missionary activity as to embarrass the Board in sustaining at least the sphere of its present operations.

In view of a probable falling off for the coming year, the Committee recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Classes be requested to make renewed and earnest efforts to increase the contributions to the cause of Home Missions.

Respectfully submitted,
JOS. H. APPLE, *Chairman.*

The report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes was resumed.

SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

Item 4, was continued.

The report of the committee on the translation of the Liturgy into the German language, which had been laid on the table until the present point should be reached, was taken up.

Resolved, That this committee be continued, and that they co-operate with the original committee, and obtain from them, the alterations to be made in the Liturgy, and insert them in the German edition.

Resolved, That the committee be authorized to call in such help as they may need to carry out the object of their appointment.

Bills of expenses were presented from Rev. Dr. John S. Kessler and Nicholas Gehr, incurred by them in attending to their duties in the committee on the translation of the Liturgy into German; that of the former amounting to $23,50, and that of the latter, to $11,47.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to pay the above bills.

The report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes was laid on the table, in order to receive a third report from the Committee on Overtures.

The Committee on Overtures reported two additional items, which were disposed of as follows:

Item 7. A letter from the Rev. Henry F. Hartman, a delegate from the St. Paul's Classis, assigning his reasons for non-attendance.

Referred to St. Paul's Classis.

Item 8. A statement from Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff, on the German Hymn book question, supplementary to the Memorial on that subject in the Minutes of Synod for 1859.

The paper was read at the recommendation of the Committee. It was then

Resolved, That the paper be referred to a committee of five laymen, to endeavor to effect an adjustment of the matters referred to therein, and that they report at the next annual meeting of Synod.

Elders Adam B. Wingert, John Krouse, Daniel W. Gross, William Heyser and George Besore, constitute the above committee.

The report of the Committee on Overtures being completed, it was adopted as a whole.

The report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes was resumed.

SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

Item 5. Adopted.

LICENSURE, ORDINATION, RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSIONS.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 were severally adopted.

ANNUAL MEETINGS OF CLASSES.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13, were severally adopted.

The report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes having been completed, was adopted as a whole.

The committee to prepare a minute in regard to the action of the Classes on the amendments to the Constitution, creating a Triennial General Convention, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee to whom the matter of the Triennial General Synod was referred, report,

That the proposed plan of a Triennial General Synod of the whole Church, and the amendments of the Constitution necessary to make room for its creation having been sanctioned by a vote of two thirds of the Classes of the Eastern Synod, we, therefore, recommend the appointment of a committee of three to act jointly with a similar committee of the Western Synod, (in case it should concur) for making arrangements to carry out the plan, in accordance with a resolution passed at the Synod of Lebanon in the year 1860.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. C. PORTER, *Chairman.*

The following persons constitute the committee called for in the preceding report: Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Fisher, Thomas G. Apple and Elder William Heyser.

The following report was received from the Committee on Publication, and adopted:

The Committee on Publication would respectfully report:

That the report of the Board placed into their hands shows that its operations, during the past year, were carried on with energy and success. The Printing Establishment, has, however, not been preserved from feeling, to a certain extent, the common pressure of the times. Thus, the number of subscribers to the Messenger has decreased 328 during the past year; the present number is 2555. The number of subscribers to the Kirchenzeitung has decreased 88; the present number is 2154. This certainly is not as it should be, and the 70,000 members within the bounds of the Eastern Synod might, with ease, furnish at least five times the combined number of the present subscribers to the Messenger and Kirchenzeitung. It is equally certain that our members need these papers. It is a want, moreover, which cannot be supplied by any other than our own papers, and they deserve support. During the year now closed, the editorial force was sufficiently strong to answer all reasonable demands. As far as the committee know they give general satisfaction. Good now, the general support of the Church would, by encouraging the Editors, make them still better. They are a power in the Church which should be applied as extensively as possible. To allow them to droop for the want of the necessary support would be fatal to many holy interests, which flourish only in proportion to the spread and success of our Church Papers.

The financial condition of the Printing Establishment is good. According to the Report of the Board, the liabilities of the Establishment at Chambersburg are $13,950,36¾, showing a decrease, during the year, of $1,068,83½. The total asssets are $46,775,63, showing an increase in the assets of $1,237,68. When we remember, that "the decrease in the circulation of the Church Papers is owing in a great degree to the stoppage of mail facilities with the Southern States," and partly also to "the financial derangement of the country," we may regard the condition of the Establishment very encouraging.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC K. LOOS, *Chairman.*

The Committee on the Theological Seminary submitted the following report, which was received, taken up item by item, and adopted:

The Committee on the Theological Seminary beg leave to submit the following report:

From the documents placed in our hands, it appears that the receipts from the various sources, during the past year, com-

pare favorably with those of previous years. The Board of Trustees calls the attention of Synod to the fact, that nearly one half of the Seminary debt is still unpaid. This debt was assumed by the different Classes about six years ago. A few Classes paid their assessment in full; others, however, only in part. The fault lies not with the delinquent Classes as such, but with the charges which have paid either nothing, or only a part of their apportionment. Only a small amount of the Synodical apportionment was received during the past year; scarcely sufficient to pay the interest of the debt. It is to be regretted, that it was not cancelled in full, before the present financial embarrassment overtook our country, and furnished our members with an opportunity of excusing themselves from assisting in paying it off. It does not speak well of the liberality of the Church to suffer this old debt to appear year after year on the Minutes of Synod, and publish it to the world as a proof of our backwardness in supporting the school of the Prophets, which is so intimately connected with the extension and prosperity of our Church. On account of the prostration of nearly every branch of business, the Board expects a falling off of the receipts during the coming year. Hence it desires that the attention of the Church be called to the importance of adopting and carrying out some systematic plan to sustain the benevolent enterprises of the Church.

The Board also informs Synod, that George Besore, Esq., during the past year, resigned his office as Treasurer of the Theological Seminary. In accepting his resignation, it regretted to part with such an efficient and faithful officer for so many years. The vacancy thus created, was filled by the election of Adam B. Wingert, Esq., of Greencastle, in which election this Synod fully acquiesces.

From the Report of the Board of Visitors we learn with pleasure, that the Theological Seminary is in a prosperous condition, notwithstanding the distracted state of our country, which has already so seriously affected similar institutions. The number of students connected with it during the past year, was larger than at any time, since the removal of Marshall College to Lancaster, Pa. The examinations were attended and approved by the Board. The conduct of the students, as well as their progress in study, was good.

According to the provisions of the scheme of the Theological Tutorship, the Board recommends to Synod for election the Licentiate, Wm. M. Reily, for Teaching Tutor, and Rev. B. Bausman for Travelling Tutor.

From this report we learn, that the Board, to which is also entrusted the subject of Beneficiary Education, needs additional funds to meet its engagements to the beneficiaries, and therefore desires that the attention of the Church be again directed

to the importance of furnishing it with the means necessary to carry forward its operations successfully. Your Committee would therefore recommend the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That the different churches within our bounds be requested to take up a collection for Beneficiary Education.

Resolved, That Synod now elect a Teaching Tutor and a Travelling Tutor.

Though our churches have failed during the past year to take up collections for the use of the Theological Library, according to the recommendation of Synod, still great and valuable donations have been received through the efforts of Dr. P. Schaff. These donations, solicited on his own responsibility, consisted in books and money from personal friends in and out of our Church. With the money received, theological and miscellaneous works in the English and German languages were bought. In this way an addition of nearly 700 volumes was made to the Library at Mercersburg, and an expense of $14,50 was incurred for boxes and freight. In view of these additions, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the donors, especially those who are not members of our Church, for their liberal and valuable donations to the Library of the Seminary of the German Reformed Church.

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be tendered also to Dr. P. Schaff for his deep interest and indefatigable labors in increasing the Library of the Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be authorized to refund the expenses incurred.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. STRASSBURGER, *Chairman.*

The Synod proceeded to the election of a Teaching and a Travelling Tutor, as proposed in the above report. The Licentiate William M. Reily was elected Teaching Tutor, and Rev. Benjamin Bausman, Travelling Tutor.

Rev. Henry Heckerman, William M. Deatrick, and George E. Addams, obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the sessions.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. Benjamin Bausman.

THURSDAY, October 3rd, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. Walter E. Krebs.

Elders John Heilman, Daniel Odenwelder, and John Hamm, obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the sessions.

Rev. William Philips, delegate secundus from the Classis of Goshenhoppen, was admitted to the seat occupied by the primarius, Rev. Peter S. Fisher.

Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Fisher, delegate secundus from the Classis of Mercersburg, was admitted to the seat occupied by the primarius, Rev. Henry Heckerman.

Rev. Benjamin Bausman, who was elected Travelling Tutor at this morning's session, informed Synod that he could not accept of the appointment tendered him. His declination was accepted.

The Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, submitted their report, which was received, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN IN CHRIST:—Under a deep sense of our obligations for that continued goodness, which has distinguished the past Synodical year, and moved by a feeling of generous love and grateful affection towards Him, who is the Author of all our mercies, we cordially greet you, the representatives of our beloved Zion, on this festive occasion; and we also earnestly wish you, in your collective and individual capacity, to unite with us, in rendering thanks to Almighty God for His kind care over us in the past, and invoking His paternal favor upon us in the future.

To specify all the instances of God's Fatherly goodness would be not only useless, but, in the nature of the case, also impossible. Enough that all our ministers, with but two exceptions, have been spared and graciously permitted to discharge the duties of their high and holy calling. For this striking instance of the divine benignity we are bound to bless and humbly to adore the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In connection with this long suffering and sparing mercy of our God, we should also gratefully acknowledge the riches of His grace as seen in the abundant success which has attended the labors and efforts of our several ministers and Classes. All the reports furnish satisfactory evidence of the presence and blessing of God with his servants. The eternal word, which liveth and abideth for ever, has been statedly and faithfully preached —the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper believingly administered—the worship of the public assemblies and of the social and more retired circle cheerfully attended to on the part of pastors and people—and the consequence has been, that

these labors of love and works of faith have been crowned with abundant success. Evidences of this success are found in the erection of new churches, the organization of new congregations, the increased attendance on the preached word, the observance of the sealing ordinances of God's house, the seriousness and attention with which the word of Life is heard and the duties of religion performed, and in the general progress of the kingdom of God in our midst. The number of ministers has also been increased, and thus the places of the two deceased brethren—Rev. Jesse Stroud Weber of the Philadelphia Classis, and Rev. David Hefelfinger of the Mercersburg Classis—have been filled up again, and some other posts occupied besides. Have we not reason to bless God for these evidences of His presence and active co operation with His Church? True, there may be such an external growth of the Church, where there is but comparatively little accomplished for the inward, spiritual, and true growth and edification of the body of Christ. Outward growth and prosperity, in themselves and separate from a corresponding inward growth, are of small account; but when coupled with this, they become immensely important.

In this connection, we must also notice the encouraging fact, that, during the past year, the number of the Church's members has been greatly increased. Some eight or nine thousand souls have been added to the infant membership of the Church by baptism—receiving thus the sign and seal of the covenant of grace and the pledge of an immortal life By confirmation and certificate some five or six thousand souls have been added to the adult membership—thus either renewing, or for the first time, making a confession of their faith in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord, and in the Holy Ghost, the Comforter and guide of His saints. May we not hope, that a large proportion of these have also been truly born of God, justified by the blood and Spirit of Jesus Christ, and by the Holy Ghost sealed unto the day of Redemption? And if so, have we not much reason to bless God for these thousands that have been thus added to the sacramental hosts of the Lord?

In this external way already much has been accomplished; but we have still better news to present for our mutual edification. The spiritual training of the young, as also of the old, has apparently kept steady pace with the outward enlargement of the Church Many of the reports speak with great assurance of the good that has been accomplished in this way. If the statements there given are to be relied on, the brethren have learned the meaning and import of the great commission, as requiring them to go forth and make disciples of all nations, "baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son,

and of the Holy Ghost," and then completing this discipleship by teaching the baptized ones to observe all thing whatsoever Christ has commanded them. These two things must always go together if the gospel is to make steady and successful progress. Both word and sacrament are necessary to realize the idea of God's kingdom. So likewise private instruction in the doctrines and practices of religion and the public preaching of the word, are duly effective only when in union with each other. And, for this reason, we have great cause to rejoice in the statements made in the several Classical reports.

It would be palpably unjust to conceal the fact, that, in connection with the cheering statements, there are also others of an entirely different character. So long as Zion dwells in the tents of Kedar, the inward aspect of the Church only is "like the curtains of Solomon," while the outer covering will necessarily be soiled and sombre in appearance. The dust of earth settles upon and cleaves to the Church of Christ, and cannot be wholly shaken off until the chills of death and the taking down of the earthly tabernacle shall accomplish the work.

Another cause of congratulation is the attention which Sunday schools have received at the hands of the brethren. Notwithstanding the general acknowledgment of vast defects in the Sunday School System, as it now stands, the benefit of careful instruction in the case of the young, has given rise to a very large number of schools in our connection. Many of them are conducted in the ordinary way; but others have assumed a more specific and churchly form—the catechisms and other publications of the Church having been substituted in place of the books of other establishments. Much may be expected from these schools, if judiciously and piously conducted. Every new school, therefore, should be hailed as a nursery of piety, and especially of youthful piety!

Looking at the facts now stated, we have much reason to be thankful to the Great Head of the Church. He has thus far made good His promise: "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." He has afforded us repeated evidences of His presence in the public assembly—in the family circle—in the secret chamber—in the pious and devoted heart. He has been our God in generations past, and will be our God in generations to come—our friend in time of need—our shield and hiding place in seasons of sorrow and adversity.

With feelings of sincere regret we notice the absence of some of our brethren, who, by the disturbed state of the country, have been prevented from being present and taking part with us in our business transactions. Mysterious are the ways of God. We know not what a day may bring forth.

Let us then, as a Synod, and as individuals, dedicate ourselves anew to the service and honor of our covenant keeping God. Let us confidently rely upon the promises of God, and

go to work with new courage and a firm hope, preaching the gospel, administering the sacraments, and leading precious souls to the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world—waiting for a blessed resurrection and the life everlasting—Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Y. HEISLER, *Chairman.*

The presence of the Rev. S. K. Brobst, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, was announced.

An election was held for a Trustee of Synod, which resulted in the choice of George Z. Kunkel of Harrisburg, Pa.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, **That this Synod fully approves of the purpose and endeavor of the Faculty of Franklin and Marshall College to engage the services of the Rev. John W. Nevin, D. D., in the institution for the coming year, and, in view of the financial embarrassments of the College, has learned with great pleasure, that a number of ministers and laymen have already secured** the greater portion of the sum necessary for the payment of his salary by individual pledges.

The committee to whom was referred the complaint of the Classis of Goshenhoppen, and the letter of Rev. John S. Foulk, submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows :

The committee to whom the complaint of the Goshenhoppen Classis, together with a letter from the Rev. John S. Foulk, on the same subject, was referred, beg leave to report :

That, after examining the documentary and other evidence in the case, they are of the opinion, that though there seems to exist some cause for complaiut, it is not of sufficient importance to call for any specific action of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. KREMER, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Finance submitted their report, which was received, amended and adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee on Finance would respectfully report:

That the only document placed into their hands was the report of the Treasurer of Synod. From this, with its accompanying vouchers, it appears that $1,070,20 were received and $1,046,22 disbursed during the year. The committee regret to

state, that the amounts due from the several Classes, as apportioned by Synod, remain, to a lamentable extent, unpaid. Such a course on the part of delinquent Classes must seriously embarrass the financial operations of Synod. Your Committee present the following statement:

Amount due the Treasurer,	$159,99
" " M. Kieffer & Co.,	607,69
Estimates of Expenditures for 1861,	900,00
	$1,667,68

To meet which there is a balance due from the several Classes of $582,35, leaving to be provided for $1,085,33, and which your Committee have assessed on the several Classes, as follows:

		New.	*Old.*	*Total.*
East Pennsylvania	Classis,	$120,00	$200,00	$320,00
Lebanon	do	105,00	19,64	124,64
Zions	do	120,00	32,00	152,00
Maryland	do	120,00		120,00
Philadelphia	do	90,00	94,66	184,66
Virginia	do	30,00	47,00	77,00
Mercersburg	do	120,00		120,00
Goshenhoppen	do	90,00	65,05	155,05
New York	do	20,00		20,00
Lancaster	do	90,00	75,25	165,25
East Susquehanna	do	75,00		75,00
West do	do	75,00	1,75	76,75
Clarion	do	40,00	27,00	67,00
St. Paul	do	30,00	20,00	50,00

Resolved, That monies due from délinquent Classes on the $17,000 fund, be credited in due proportion to those Classes, who have paid their dues to this fund, when paid in.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. KREMER, *Chairman.*

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have three thousand copies of the Proceedings of this Synod duly authenticated, published in the English, and two thousand copies in the German language.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be requested to send each minister in the Church, and also each lay delegate to Synod, a copy of the Minutes of Synod as soon as they are published; and further, that, after supplying the different Boards of this Synod with the usual number of copies, the remainder be apportioned among the several Classes according to the action of

the present Synod relating to this matter, and be sent by him to some two or three prominent points in each Classis.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be requested to tender the thanks of the members of this Synod convened at Easton, Pa., to the Superintendents and Officers of the Lehigh Valley, East Pennsylvania, North Pennsylvania, Lebanon Valley, Cumberland Valley, and Franklin Railroads, for permitting them to travel over their respective roads at half fare.

***Resolved*, That this Synod will long remember the kind and Christian reception given them by the pastor and members of the German Reformed congregation, and other citizens of Easton, at its annual sessions amongst them, and pray that the promises that are recorded in God's word to them given to hospitality may be happily realized by them, and that the pastor be requested to read this resolution to his people, and also to request its publication in the papers of the place.**

***Resolved*, That the attention of the several Classes delinquent on the $17,000 Fund be called to the fact of their indebtedness, and that they be requested to make arrangements for its immediate payment.**

Resolved, That the several Classes referred to in the preceding resolution, and also those Classes delinquent on the Contingent Fund of Synod and apportionments for the payment of the debt of the Theological Seminary, be requested to call special meetings at an early day, to make arrangements for the payment of all arrearages.

The chairman of the Assistant Editorial Committee reported, that several members of the committee endeavored to perform the duties assigned them. The report was adopted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Jacob B. Kershner, recently of the Theological Seminary, was, on the recommendation of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, elected Travelling Tutor.

Rev. Benjamin Bausman offered his resignation as Editor of the German Reformed Messenger. It was

Resolved, That his resignation be accepted, and that the remaining Editor be authorized to make such arrangements as may be necessary to sustain the editorial department of the paper.

The roll was called, and none were found absent without permission.

The Minutes were read and adopted and ordered to be engrossed.

The Synod adjourned, and was dismissed with singing and prayer and the apostolic benediction by the President.

H. HARBAUGH, *President.*

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk.*

A true copy from the original Minutes,

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

Ministers.	Congr.	Congregations or Charges.	Memb.	Unc. M.	Bapti.	Confir.	Certifi.	Comm.	Excom.	Dismi.	Deaths	S. Sch.	Post Office Addresses.
Charles G. Herman,	2	Kutztown, &c.,	500	600	102	46		350			61	7	Maxatawny, Berks county, Pa.
Joseph S. Dubs,	4	Egypt, &c.,	1600	1600	116	32		115			88	10	North White Hall, Lehigh co., do
John Zülich,	6	Jacobs, &c.,	1200	900	145	34		800				15	Steinsville, do do
William A. Helfrich,	8	Ziegel, &c.,	1500	1600	175	200		1000			70	8	Fogelsville, do do
J. S. Herman,	7	Coxtown, &c.,	1200	1300	160	80		1150		2	90	10	Kutztown, Berks county, do
Charles Becker,	7	Chesnut Hill,	500	420	115	37		300			56	9	Farmersville, Monroe county, do
C. G. Eichenberger,	7	Weisport, &c.,	615	830	175	41		350			45	5	Weisport, Carbon do do
Cyrus J. Becker,	3	Catasaqua, &c.,	550	600	90	20	5	500			23	4	White Hall, Lehigh do do
Alfred J. Herman,	7	Zion, &c.,	780	800	115	40		500			30	8	Maxatawny, Berks do do
Daniel F. Brendel,	5	Farmersville,	700	800	72	25		550			28	5	Bethlehem, Northampton do do
Isaac K. Loos,	3	Mt. Bethel,	650	600	64	71		400		1	27	8	Richmond, do do do
John Beck,	1	Easton,	580	500	45	36		500	3	2	19	1	Easton, do do do
Joshua H. Derr,	3	Allentown, &c.,	450	320	85	10	5	260			15	3	Allentown, Lehigh do do
Levi H. Derr,	2	Tamaqua, &c.,	400	475	73	42		300			26	2	Tamaqua, Schuylkill do do
Daniel Y. Heisler,	3	Bethlehem, &c.,	680	650	51	54	10	555		5	25	3	Bethlehem, Northampton do do
E. W. Reinecke,	3	Plainfield,	812	910	70	57		652			26	3	Nazareth, do do do
F. Strassner,	3	Wilkesbarre, &c.,	124	150	61	15	5	124		4	30	3	Wilkesbarre, Luzerne do do
John Gantenbein,	6	Kreidersville, &c.,	1240	1265	63	56		975			48	6	Kreidersville, Northampton co. do
John W. Lescher,		Teacher,											Wilkesbarre, do
W. R. Hofford,		Licentiate,											Allentown, Lehigh county, do
George B. Dechant,	2	Hamilton, &c.,	175	150	22	41		104			8	2	Stroudsburg, Monroe do do
John H. Dubs,	3	Allentown, &c.,	1200	1250	85	135		960			65	5	Allentown, Lehigh do do
Abraham Bartholomew,		Licentiate,											Newharts P. O., Northamp. co. do
Vacant,	1	Oxford Furnace, N. J.,	100					100					
do	1	Nazareth,	50	40				50					
do	3	Lower Saucon, &c.,	600	700	50	40		500			25	3	

CLASSES OF LEBANON.

Ministers.	Congrega.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Un. Mem.	Baptized.	By Confir.	Certificate	Commun.	Excom'ted.	Dismissed.	Deaths	S. Schools.	Post Office Addresses.		
Philip Mayer,		Without charge,											Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county,		Pa.
John Gring,	4	Fredericksburg,	400		51	27		301			23	3	Fredericksburg, Lebanon	do	do
Thomas H. Leinbach,	7	Tulpenhocken,	1400		178	42		1000			63	6	Meyerstown, do	do	do
Isaac Miese,	6	Bern,	1300	988	111	132		1215		2	40	10	Lower Bern, Berks	do	do
Augustus L. Herman,	9	Hamburg,	1200		210	118		1100			70	12	Reading, do	do	do
Franklin W. Kremer,	2	Lebanon,	800	700	88	55	12	500		80	34	2	Lebanon, Lebanon	do	do
Henry Harbaugh, D. D.,	1	Lebanon,	86	70	7	20		86		1	2	1	Lebanon, do	do	do
Henry Wagner,	5	Orwigsburg,	323		60	23		271			23	5	Orwigsburg, Schuylkill	do	do
Jacob Klein,	5	Millersville,	1112	500	135	78		803			61	12	Schuylkill Haven, do	do	do
Aaron S. Leinbach,	2	First church, Reading,	1100		254	62	4	1000		2	114	4	Reading, Berks	do	do
Charles F. McCauley,	1	Second do do	200		27	20	10	190		6	19	1	Reading, do	do	do
Jacob D. Zehring,	4	Host,	800	600	122	54		655			62	7	Bernville, do	do	do
William A. Good,	3	Bernvile,	300		27	3		253			4	7	Tremont, Schuylkill	do	do
Samuel Miller,	4	Pottsville,	345		64	18	7	345			25	4	Pottsville, do	do	do
Abraham Romich,	3	Jonestown,	275		48			200		2	11	3	Jonestown, Lebanon	do	do
Jonathan E. Hiester,	5	Palmyra,	400	300	31	10		289			13	5	Annville, do	do	do
George Wolff,	1	Meyerstown,	275	150	15	51		210			1	1	Meyerstown, do	do	do
Thomas C. Leinbach,	2	Bernville,	450	300	50	18		350			5	5	Womelsdorf, Berks	do	do

CLASSIS OF ZION.

Ministers.	Congreza.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Unc. Mem.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communic.	Dismissed.	Excommu.	Deaths.	Sab. Sch.	Pup. S. S.	Post Office Addresses.	
Daniel Ziegler,	4	Creutz Creek charge,	475		75	58		475			57	5		York, York county,	Pa.
Jacob Sechler,	4	Littlestown,	600		35	61		600			20	4		Littlestown, Adams county,	do
Frederick W. Vandersloot,	5	Windsor charge,	340	200				300						York, York do	do
Daniel Riegle,	5	Dillsburg,	350	200				347						Dillsburg, York do	do
Samuel Philips,	1	Carlisle,	250	215	14	27		233	3		9	1	200	Carlisle, Cumberland do	do
George Leidy,		Without charge,												do do do	do
Jacob Ziegler,	4	Conowago,	305		34	11		300			15	4		Gettysburg, Adams do	do
William C. Bennet,		Without charge,												Boiling Springs, Cumb'd co,	do
Samuel Kuhn,	6	Bloomfield,	362	223	25	24	14	288	4		4	5		Bloomfield, Perry county,	do
David Bossler,	5	Liverpool charge,	250	125	25	11		209			16	5		York, York do	do
Emanuel H. Hoffheins,	5	Abbottstown,	550	350	50	71	8	530	8		41	6		Abbottstown, Adams do	do
Jacob O. Miller,	1	York (English),	400		36	23	5	275						York, York do	do
Daniel Gring,	6	Shrewsbury,	445	300	63	31		421			24	6		Shrewsbury, York do	do
Julius Kurtz,	4	Emanuel's,	500		72	32		490			16			Hanover, do do	do
T. P. Bucher,	3	Gettysburg,	588	553	51	53	25	503	7		23	4	280	Gettysburg, Adams do	do
William M. Reily,		Licentiate,												Mercersburg, Frank. do	do
W. K. Zieber,	2	Hanover,	565	450	62	1	7	450	2		19	2		Hanover, York do	do
J. M. Mickly,	2	Zions,	315	370	40	24	7	271	2		7	7		Ickesburg, Perry do	do
A. R. Kremer,	4	Mechanicsburg,	205	113	19	25	11	142	5		8	2		Mechanicsburg, Cumb'd. co.,	do
George E. Addams,	2	Sulpher Spring,	165	173	9	6	2	147			5	5		Carlisle, do	do
Henry Mosser,	4	Landisburg,	708	800	20		4	635			3			Landisburg, Perry county,	do
Jacob Kehm,	4	Paradise,	300					250						East Berlin, Adams do	do

Ministers.	Cong.	Congregations or Charges.	Mem.	U. M.	Bapt.	Conf.	Certi.	Com.	Exco.	Dism.	Dea.	S. Sc.	Post Office Addresses.
Elias Heiner, D. D.,	1	First church, Baltimore,	320	265	19	13		320		2	15	2	Baltimore, Md.
Vacant,	1	Second do do											do do
John S. Foulk,	1	Third do do	235	162	18	15	5	194		3	6	1	do do
John Külling,	1	Fourth do do	566	307	149	29	28	540		35	37	1	do do
Daniel Zacharias, D. D.,	1	Frederick city,	456	508	56	20	7	414		4	36	2	Frederick city, do
Frederick A. Rupley,	1	Middletown,	446	402	28	5	3	399		2	10	4	Middletown, Frederick county, do
John H. Wagner,	2	Hagerstown charge,	216	200	7	1	3	190		2	7	2	Hagerstown, Washington do do
Mortimer L. Shuford,	3	Mt. Moriah do	121	68	10	5		112		1	6	2	Sharpsburg, do do do
Henry Wissler,		Without charge,											Manchester, Carroll do do
Vacant,	6	Manchester charge,	645	489	59	27		535		1	16	6	do do do do
Walter E. Krebs,	2	Emmittsburg charge,	289	210	29	8	7	255		5	12	2	Emmitsburg, Frederick do do
Joseph W. Santee,	4	Cavetown do	395	185	40	17	1	360		1	9	3	Cavetown, Washington do do
William F. Colliflower,	3	Jefferson do	336	331	21	15	2	315		2	7	3	Jefferson, Frederick do do
Moses A. Stewart,	1	Burkettsville do	105	75	5	5		102				1	Burkettsville, Frederick do do
	1	Silver Run, do*	350	300	15			220			8		Silver Run, Carroll do do
John B. Pörner,	1	Second church, Hagerstown,	110	125	8	10		70			2	1	Hagerstown, Washington do do
Peter A. Schwartz,	1	St. John's church, Frederick,	105		14	8		80			5	1	Frederick city, do
Vacant,	2	Boonsboro charge,	140		15	1	9	120			8		Boonsboro, Washington do do
Jesse Steiner,	4	Glade do	424	426	26	38	3	412			1	2	Walkersville, Frederick do do
	1	Fifth church, Baltimore,‡	86	150	18	47		86			1	1	Baltimore, do
Henry J. Comfort,	4	Mechanicstown charge,	249	140	28	22	7	211		2	7	2	Mechanicstown, Frederick co., do
John G. Fritchey,	5	Taneytown do	375	300	32	11	5	320			12	5	Taneytown, Carroll county, do
Benjamin Schneider, D. D.,		Foreign Missionary,											Aintab, Syria
	2	Clearspring charge,†	150	100	10	10	3	125		2	5	1	Clearspring, Washington co., do
Frederick A. Herzberger,		Suspended,											Baltimore, do
Robert Douglas,		Without charge,											Sharpsburg, do do do
George L. Staley,		Mt. Wash. Fem. Seminary,											Mt. Washington, Baltimore co., do
Emanuel T. C. Boehringer,	1	Norfolk Mission,	55	45	12	30		50			5	1	Norfolk, Va.

Without charge: William H. Zimmerman. *Sup. by Rev. J. Sechler. †Sup. by Rev. J. Rebaugh. ‡Sp. by Rev. W. Ida.

CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA

Ministers.	Congr.	Congregations or Charges.	Membs.	U. Memb.	Baptiz'd.	Confirm.	Certific.	Commu.	Excom.	Dismiss.	Deaths	Sab. Sch.	Post Office Addresses.	
John C. Hensell,	5	Rockingham,	257					200				4	Mt. Crawford,	Va.
Daniel Feete,	3	Woodstock,	190					190				5	Woodstock,	do
Daniel G. Bragonier,	2	Martinsburg,	137					137				1	Edenburg,	do
George H. Martin,	1	Loudon,	110					110				1	Lovettsville,	do
Henry St. John Rinker,	4	Mill Creek,	255					255				3	Hamburg,	do
John H. Crawford,	3	Middlebrook,	158					158				1	Middlebrook,	do
George W. Aughinbaugh,	2	Central,	43					43				1	Bedford,	Pa.
J. M. Titzel,	2	Shepherdstown and Winchester,	145					135				2	Mechanicsburg,	do
Charles Cast,	1	Martinsburg, (German,)	112									1	Hagerstown, Md.	
Vacant,	1	Pendleton,												
do	1	Central,												

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Ministers.	Congr.	Congregations of Charges.	Membs.	U. Memb.	Baptiz'd.	Confirm.	Certific.	Commu.	Excom.	Dismiss.	Deaths.	Sab. Sch.	Post Office Addresses.	
George Boger,		No charge,											Klutt's Tanyard,	N. C.
John Lantz,	3	Newton,	157					157					Newton,	do
David Crooks,	2	Lincolnton,	154					154					Lincolnton,	do
G. William Welker,	3	Guilford,	305					305					Brick church,	do
Jeremiah Ingold,	3	Catawba,	99					99					Lincolnton,	do
Thornton Butler,	3	East Rowan,	280					280					Gold Hill,	do
Samuel J. Fetzer,	5	West Rowan,	262					262					Eufaula,	do
P. Allison Long,	8	Davidson,	312					312					Midway,	do

Vacant: Newton; Friendship 24 members; Stoner's 40 members.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Ministers.	Congrega.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Unc. Mem.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communic.	Excommu.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Post Office Addresses.
Samuel Helfenstein, D. D.,		No charge.											Gwynedd, Montgomery co., Pa.
Samuel Helfenstein, Jr.,		do											Blue Bell, do do do
John S. Ermentrout,		do											Reading, do
Charles Lukens,		do											Frankford, Philadelphia do do
George D. Wolff,		do											Norristown, Montgomery do do
Charles W. Schultz,		do											Camden, N. J.
John R. Kooken,		do											Trinidad, Cuba.
E. M. Long,		do											Norristown, Montgomery do do
John H. A. Bomberger, D. D.,	1	Philadelphia,	306		18	21	11	268		27	4	3	Philadelphia, do
Nicholas Gehr,	1	Zions,	530	225	128	33	28	509		40	56	1	Kensington, Philadelphia do do
J. G. Wiehle,	1	Salem,	1200		289	65	66	1192			78	3	Philadelphia, do
Samuel G. Wagner,	2	Böhm's,	177		5	5		171			1	1	Blue Bell, Montgomery do do
Jesse B. Knipe,	4	Pikeland,	150		15	9		150				4	Chester Springs, Chester do do
Alfred B. Shenkle,	3	Trappe,	508		47	57	4	406			12	3	Trappe, Montgomery do do
William Sorber,	3	Brownbacks,	258		17	18		258		6	6	3	East Vincent, Chester do do
N. S. Aller,	2	Pleasantville,	226					226				2	Pleasantville, Bucks do do
do do supply,	1	St. Peters,	61					61					
William G. Hackman,	1	Wentz',	215		18	9		140			9	1	Kulpsville, Montgomery do do
Samuel G. Wagner, supply,	1	White Marsh,	108		5	1	1	84			2	1	
Jesse B. Knipe, do	1	St. Vincent,	109		9	5		109			4	1	
P. Seibert Davis,	1	Norristown,	140		14	8	5	140			3	1	Norristown, Montgomery do do
G. E. Gramm,	1	Bethlehem,	307	301	115	17	22	306		1	27	2	Kensington, Philadel'a. do do
Alfred B. Shenkle, supply,	1	Phoenixville,	74		5	3	4	48				1	
Samuel H. Giesy,	1	Christ's Ev. Ref.,	52	47	7	1	51	52			3	1	No. 2124, Mt. Vernon st., Phila
J. G. Neuber,	1	Glassboro, N. J.,	94	76	32	11	4	94		13	1	1	Glassboro, N. J.

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

Ministers.	Congr.	Congregations or Charges.	Memb.	Un. M.	Bapti.	Confir.	Certif.	Com.	Dismis	Excom	Deaths	S. Sch.	Post Office Addresses.
Philip Schaff, D. D.,		Professor in Theological Seminary,											Mercersburg, Franklin co., Pa.
Bernard C. Wolff, D. D.,		do do do											" do do do
Samuel R. Fisher, D. D.,		Editor of Ger. Ref. Messenger,											Chambersburg, do do do
Benjamin Bausman,		do do do do											" do do do
Benjamin S. Schneck, D. D.,	1	2nd church, (St. John's,) Chamb'g,	72	106	7		17	72	2		4	1	" do do do
John Rebaugh,	1	Middleburg charge,	100	200	20	9	4	90	5		10	1	Greencastle, do do do
Theobald Fouse,	5	Woodcock Valley do	191	645	72	46	7	485	4		15	4	James Creek, Hunting'n do do
Henry Heckerman,	2	Bedford do	280	256	10	11	2	270			3	2	Bedford, Bedford do do
Jacob Hassler,	3	Martinsburg do	178	156	18	14	10	163	3		4	1	Martinsburg, Blair do do
William M. Deatrick,	3	Yellow Creek do	175	145	13	5	4	165	2	1	9	2	Pattonsville, Bedford do do
Henry W. Super,	3	Waynesboro do	250	170	15	22	4	220	4		5	1	Waynesboro, Franklin do do
Samuel H. Reid,	3	Huntingdon do	268	320	37	18	5	268			2	4	Huntingdon, Hunting'n do do
Nicholas E. Gilds,	5	St. Clairsville do	535	790	44	20		490	6		19	4	St. Clairsville, Bedford do do
Joseph Hannabery,	3	Schellsburg do	297	227	15	12		224			6	2	Schellsburg, do do do
Charles F Hoffmeier,	3	Friends' Cove do	260	300	10	4		230			9	1	Charlesville, do do do
Isaac G. Brown,	2	Mercersburg do	205	167	15	5	17	195	4		2	2	Mercersburg, Franklin do do
Thomas G. Apple,	2	Greencastle do	349	340	25	15	16	275			16	2	Greencastle, do do do
John G. Wolff,	3	McConnellsburg do	105	93				100				1	McConnellsburg, Fult'n do do
John Ault,	2	Loudon and St. Thomas do	285	220	53	51	3	255	5	2	6	2	Loudon, Franklin do do
William R. H. Deatrick,	4	Grindstone Hill do	240	237	12	10	6	200			2	3	Chambersburg, Frank. do do
George R. Zacharias,	4	Upper Strasburg do	156	150		17		110					Upper Strasburg, do do do
Alexander S. Vaughan,	1	Shippensburg do	150	100	15	3	4	140	4		3	1	Shippensburg, Cumb. do do
Vacant,	1	Chambersburg do	326	395	20	24	27	297	4		4	1	
do	4	Waterstreet do	300	308				275			5	3	
Frederick A. Scholl,		Superannuated,											Greencastle, Franklin co., do

Without charge: Jacob Mayer, Lock Haven, Clinton co., Pa.; Joseph S. Loose, Mercersburg, Franklin co., Pa.; George W. Glessner, Shippensburg, Pa.; Daniel M. Giles; *Licentiates:* C. Beecher Wolff, Greencastle, Pa.; Josiah May, Alexandria, Huntingdon co., Pa.

CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

Ministers.	Congregat.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Unc. Membs.	Baptized.	Confirmed	Certificate.	Communic.	Excommunic.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	Post Office Addresses.
Daniel Zeller,		Superannuated.											Allentown, Lehigh county, Pa.
John S. Kessler, D. D.,	3	Upper Milford, St. Peters, &c.	160		18	8		165			9	2	do do do do
Daniel Weiser,	2	New Goshenhoppen and Swamp,	900	1200	76	26	15	1015		3	23	4	Pennsburg, Montgomery co., do
P. S. Fisher,	5	Sellersville charge,	1150		90	55		918			38	15	Sellersville, Bucks county, do
Samuel Hess,	6	St. Pauls, Jerusalem, &c.,	850		104	56		731			42	7	Hellertown, Northampton co., do
L. C. Herman,		Without charge,											New Hanover, Montg'y co., do
William Philips,	2	Rieglesville and Upper Tinicum,	80					80					Easton, Northampton co., do
William R. Yearick,	2	Hilltown and Doylestown,	240		12	36	2	225			3	2	Line Lexington, Bucks co., do
N. S. Strassburger,	4	Pottstown, Amity and Limerick,	725	680	69	45	1	577		3	48	7	Pottstown, Montgomery co., do
A. L. Dechant,	4	Keelers, Boyerstown, &c.,	640	785	65	49		520		2	24	6	Frederick, do do do
A. J. G. Dubs,	6	Saucon charge,	900		189	77		740				9	Allentown, Lehigh do do
David Rothrock,	4	Durham, Tinicum, &c.,	750	600	63	38		522		2	27	8	Bucksville, Bucks do do
Robert A. Van Court,	6	Falkoner Swamp, &c.,	810		75	23		805		2	32	4	New Hanover, Montgom'y co. do
P. P. A. Hoffman.		Licentiate,											do do do co. do
	1	Williams township sup. by Rev. D. F. Brendle,	140	100	20			100			12	1	
	1	Oley sup. by Rev. J. S. Herman	160		25	3		161			8	1	
	2	Friedensburg and Pricetown sup. by Rev. I. Miese.											

1 New Hilltown sup. by Rev. N. S. Aller.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Unc. Members.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunica.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	Sab. Scholars.	Post Office Addresses.	
J. F. Basche,	1	New York,	165	82	79	11	20	165			9	1	115	New York city,	N. Y.
Lewis B. Schwarz,	1	Boston,	550		21	11		135			4		130	Boston, Massachusetts.	
William Meyer,	1	Tonawanda,	271		53	8		271			17	1		Tonawanda, Erie county,	do
John Lichtenstein,	1	Buffalo,	425		39	14		367			7			Buffalo,	do
Diedrich Willers,	3	Jerusalem, Seneca Falls, &c..	230		50			230			18	2	80	Fayette, Seneca county,	do
T. Grosshüsch,	1	Rochester,	118		18	4		178			6	2		Rochester,	do
J. O. Lohr,	2	Elizabethtown and Rahway,	119		57		31	102		20	1	2	110	Elizabeth,	N. J.
A. Schröder,	1	Bridgeport,	60					60						Bridgeport,	Conn.
H. Bentz,	1	Clarence,	38		8			35						Clarence, Erie county,	N. Y.
H. W. Stroea,	1	Holland,												Clymer, Chatauque county,	do

CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

Ministers.	Congrega.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Unc. Memb.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communic.	Excommunic.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Post Office Addresses	
Albert Helffenstein, Sr.,		Without charge,											Shamokin,	Pa.
Isaac Gerhart,		Missionary,	55	25	13	5		23			4		Lancaster,	do
Albert Helffenstein, Jr.,		Without charge,											Maytown,	do
Daniel Hertz,	7	Ephrata charge,	390	160	70	43		340		20	34	4	Ephrata,	do
Isaac S. Demund,	1	St. Paul's charge,	180		7	15	9	169		8	2	1	Lancaster,	do
John W. Hoffmeier,	3	Millersville charge,	150		24	12	1	150			16		do	do
William T. Gerhard,	5	Supply,	152		36	39		152			21	4	do	do
John Naille,	2	Elizabethtown charge,	153		16		1	104		1	9	2	Elizabethtown,	do
Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D.,		Pres. F. and M. College,											Lancaster,	do
John W. Nevin, D. D.,		Without charge,											do	do
Amos H. Kremer,	1	1st church, Lancaster,	372			2	5	300		6	2	1	do	do
Theodore Appel,		Prof. in F. and M. College,											do	do
Thomas C. Porter,		do do do do											do	do
Daniel Gans,	1	Salem,	237	190	12	19	7	161		5	7	2	Harrisburg,	do
Martin A. Smith,	5	Hummelstown charge,	300	275	22	38		240			12	4	Hummelstown,	do
Isaac E. Graeff,	1	Manheim, (supply)	64		4	4		50				1	Lancaster,	do
John V. Eckert,	3	New Providence charge,	220		25	28	1	198		2	10	5	New Providence,	do
F. A. Gast,	2	New Holland do	120		5	14		56			1	2	New Holland,	do
	2	Reamstown and Swamp, cong. sup.	250		21	25		175			3	2	Womelsdorf,	do
		by Rev. T. C. Leinbach,												do
G. M. Albright,		Licentiate,											Maytown,	do
Charles Denues,		do											Millersville,	do
George Kurtzman,		do											Middletown,	do

CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

Ministers.	Congrega.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Unc. Mem.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communic.	Excommu.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sab. Sch.	Post Office Addresses.
Isaac Shellhammer,	5	Union,	328	240	50			185			18	5	Black Creek, Luzerne county, Pa.
Rudolph Dünger,	2	Ashland,	160	170	23	18		150			9	2	Ashland, Schuylkill do do
William Goodrich,	6	Bloomsburg,	475	475	42	29	11	450	1		8	6	Bloomsburg, Coumbia do do
Nathaniel E. Bressler,	6	Armstrong Valley,	34	400	65	24		307			25	4	Fisherville, Dauphin do do
Albert G Dole,	1	Milton,	163	180	20	7		163			4	1	Milton, Northumberland do do
Jared Fritzinger,	7	Mahony,	530	430	92	20		420			42	7	Greenbrier, do do do
Henry Hoffman,	12	Berwick,	430	400	39	48		401			4	6	Berwick, Columbia do do
Lucian Cort,	2	Paradise,	380	350	28			355			20	3	Limestoneville, Montour do do
David W. Wolff,	3	Danville,	230	140	17	6		180			1	3	Danville, do do do
Ephraim Kieffer,	7	Lykens Valley,	550	600	64	18		450			26	7	Millersburg, Dauphin do do
C. Z. Weiser,	1	Selinsgrove,	120	170	21	7		96			3	1	Selinsgrove, Snyder do do
C. A. Rittenhouse,	3	Mount Zion,	480	285	24	24		388			6	2	Turbutville, Northumb'd do do
John W. Steinmetz,	5	Sunbury,	500	400	40	28		350			12	5	Sunbury, do do do
Henry S. Bassler,	6	Berrysburg,	275	200	25	31		250			6	6	Millersburg, Dauphin do do
Isaac Steely,	8	Mahontongo,	450	500	143	13		308			63	5	Rough and Ready, Schuyl'l co. do
Vacant.	3	Shamokin,	260	225				197					

CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

Ministers.	Congrega.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Unc. Mem.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Certificate	Communic.	Excommun.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sab. Sch.	S. S. schol.	Post Office Addresses.
Jonathan Zellers,		No charge,												Lock Haven, Clinton county, Pa.
Daniel S. Tobias,	4	Rebersburg,	205	205	21	17		205			6	14		Rebersburg, Centre do do
Adolph B. Caspar,	8	Middlecreek,	166		50	18		132			15	4		New Berlin, Union do do
Henry Wiegand,	7	Nippannose,	384		19	25	8	375		6	7	5		White Deer, Lycoming do do
Samuel Gutelius,		No charge,												Freeburg, Snyder do do
Franklin J. Mohr,	4	Williamsport,	260		50	16	10	220	1	12	11	1		Williamsport, Lycoming do do
David G. Klein,	3	Bellefonte,	152	149	10		8	148			3	5		Zion, Centre do do
John C. Bucher,		No charge,												Mifflinburg, Union do do
Lewis C. Edmonds,	5	Aaronsburg,	300	500	37	4		300			3	1		Aaronsburg, Centre do do
William H. Groh,	5	Boalsburg,	410	375	25		11	350	2	6	12	8		Boalsburg, do do do
Gustav. W. M. Schulze,	6	Adamsburg,	460	400	78	32	1	360		7	22	15		Middlecreek, Snyder do do
Charles H. Leinbach,	2	Lewisburg,	340		30	20	6	315		2	10	2		Lewisburg, Union do do
Henry C. Heyser,	5	Liverpool,	150		29	8		150			9			Richfield, Juniata do do
Israel S. Weisz,	4	Nittany,	270	420	28	36	7	238		5	5	5		Walker, Centre do do
Clement Z. Weiser,	4*	Selinsgrove,	400	265	30			400		2	4	5		Selinsgrove, Snyder do do
John K. Millet, Licentiate,		No charge,												Freeburg, do do do
Vacant,	4*	Mifflinburg,	400	190	25	30	1	400	5		12	2	157	
do	2†	Liberty Valley,	200	425				112						
Sup. by A. G. Dole,	1	Union,	100		6	2		100				1		
do do A. B. Caspar,	1	Centreville,												
do do a Committee,	2†	Eden and Salem,	73	40	4			73			1			
do do H. C. Heyser,	2	St. Johns, &c.,												
do do J. K. Millet,	1	Middleburg,												
do do a Committee,	1	St. Peters,												

* These charges were lately reconstructed and the statistics are given approximately only, as no reports have been received since said reconstruction. † Last year's reports.

CLASSIS OF CLARION.

Ministers.	Cong.	Congregations or Charges.	Memb.	Un. M.	Bapti.	Confir.	Certif.	Com.	Exco.	Dismi.	Death.	S. Sch.	S. S. S.	Post Office Addresses.
Joseph H. Apple,	1	Rimersburg,	62		6	2		50				1		Rimersburg, Clarion co., Pa.
Abner Dale,		Without charge,												Harrisville, Butler do do
H. Daniel,	4	Redbank,	300	100	40	21	3	180			3	5		Kerr's Store, Clarion do do
C. A. Limberg,	4	Luthersburg,	250		43	18	2	240		1	15	3		Troutville Clearfield do do
J. S. Shade,	5	Petersburg,	458		31	20	3	415			8	4		Lamertine, Clarion do do
J. G. Shoemaker,	4	Curlsville,	175		30	26		170		5	16	3		Curlsville, do do do
E. D. Shoemaker,	3	Kittanning,	180		28	30		180			6	3	130	Rural Valley, Armst'g. co. do
F. Wise,	2	South Bend,	232		12	22		222			10	2	100	South Bend, do do do
H. M. Herman,		Licentiate,												Rimersburg, Clarion do do
Vacant,	3	Tylersburg,	130					88						

CLASSIS OF ST. PAUL.

Ministers.	Congregn.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Unc. Mem.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communic.	Excommun.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. School.	S. S. S.	Post Office Addresses.
David B. Ernst,	3	Saegertown,	248		18	42	6	228		1	1	2		Saegertown, Crawford co., Pa.
H. F. Hartman,	4	West Greenville,	420		37	2	10	400		20	14	5		West Greenville, Mercer co. do
L. D. Leberman, (supply)	4	Meadville,	293		82	19		293			6	2		Meadville, Crawford co., do
F. W. Dechant,	3	Harmony,	215		28	15		188		5	6	2		Harmony, Butler do do
D. O. Shoemaker,	2	Fairview,	238		24	35	5	238		3		2		Adams P. O., Armstrong co. do
L. J. Mayer,	5	Mercer,	300		35	14	2	250		2	6	3		West Greenville, Mercer do do
do do (supply)	1	Hartztown,	20					20						
S. N. Callender,		Without charge,												Meadville, Crawford do do
Ph. Zeiser,		Superannuated,												Hamburg, Mercer do do
B. Boyer,		do												West Greenville, Mercer, do do

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirm. Mem.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunicated.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	S. Sch. Scholars.
East Pennsylvania Classis,	23	90	16206	16520	1934	1112	25	12131	3	14	805	120	
Lebanon do.	18	64	10766	3608	1478	731	33	8758		93	570	88	
Zions do.	22	71	7673	4072	620	453	83	6866		31	262	56	489
Maryland do.	23	49	6174	4788	619	307	83	5430		62	215	43	
North Carolina do.	8	26	1633					1638					
Virginia do.	9	25	1407					1228					
Philadelphia do.	21	26	4515	649	724	263	196	4214		87	206	29	
Mercersburg do.	29	55	5022	5425	401	286	126	4524	3	43	124	38	
Goshenhoppen do.	14	48	7555	3365	806	444	18	6558		12	266	66	
New York do.	10	13	1976	82	325	48	51	1543		20	62	8	435
Lancaster do.	21	33	2643	650	255	244	24	2118		42	121	28	
East Susquehanna do,	15	77	5671	5165	693	268	11	4650	1		247	63	
West Susquehanna do.	16	66	4270	2969	442	203	52	3878	8	40	120	68	157
Clarion do.	9	26	1787	100	190	139	8	1545		6	58	21	230
St. Pauls do.	9	22	1734		224	127	23	1612		31	33	16	
Total,	247	691	79032	47393	8711	4625	738	66688	15	481	3089	644	1311
SYNOD OF OHIO AND ADJACENT STATES. Ten Classes,	167	362	18275	8627	3102	1804	764	20921	143	173	627	197	
Total of the two Synods. Classes 25,	414	1053	97307	56020	11813	6429	1497	87609	158	654	3716	841	1311

SYNOD

Of the German Reformed Church of Ohio and adjacent States.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION FOR 1860.

The Committee on the State of Religion and Morals respectfully report the following, as evidence of the fact that Christ is still verifying the promise made to the disciples, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

The classical reports placed in our hands, without a single exception, commence with expressions of devout gratitude to God, for the preservation of life and health; especially for the rich blessings of His providence and the far richer blessings of His Grace in Christ. These expressions go to show clearly that the hearts and minds of the ministerial brethren within the limits of our Synod, have been kept in the love of Jesus. His love constraining them, they have stood as faithful watchmen upon the walls of Zion; they have labored faithfully in the vineyard of our Lord; they have been faithful stewards of the mysteries of the Kingdom, or, to speak without a figure, they have, in obedience to their commission, gone forth to preach the Gospel, baptizing in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. The word preached has been owned of God and blessed; it has had free course amongst the people and been glorified; sinners have been converted and saints edified. But few of the Classes report especial or unusual awakenings and revivals. At first view it might appear from this, that the great majority of our congregations are in a state of lukewarmness or coldness. In a few instances there are some complaints of such a state of things. The church of Laodicea has, alas, her representatives amongst us; and even of the most zealous and faithful the Lord can say, "I have somewhat against thee." But he has not taken his Holy Spirit from us. The great miracle of Pentecost, which completes the wonders of the Saviour's incarnation, His death, His resurrection and ascension, is ever authenticating itself, in the history of our Church, as a glorious reality. As in the mission of God's Son into our world we have a full revelation of the Father, so by the gift of the Holy Ghost in the completion of the new creation, we have an abiding revelation of our now risen and glorified Saviour. A baptism of the Spirit and Water is a baptism into the Saviour's mystical body, and this true regeneration is but the commencement of that communion with Christ which will complete itself in everlasting glory. Hence the reports which have come to us, stating that many hundreds have been bap-

tized; that the children of the Church have been faithfully instructed in her doctrines; that the Lord's Supper has been statedly administered to the thousands who gather around the Sacramental Altar; that new church-edifices have been erected; that charities have been bestowed; that missionaries have been sent to the destitute, &c., must be received as evidence that the new creation in Christ by the Spirit has not lost it generative power. The Holy Ghost is still present, taking of the things of Christ and showing them to his people; he still regenerates; he still sanctifies and makes perfect. By this power the cords of our Zion have been lengthened and her stakes strengthened; she is arising and shining more and more; her light being come, and the glory of the Lord being arisen upon her.

May her membership be still more abundantly blessed during the year to come; may the lives of the ministerial brethren be spared; and may the Lord go on conquering and to conquer, until all men shall confess that he is Lord to the honor and glory of God the Father, Amen.

M. KIEFFER. *Chairman.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

MIAMI CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Cong.	Names of Charges.	Mem. Uncon.	Mem. Confir.	Mem. Com.	Mem. Baptis.	Confir.	R. by Let	D. by Let	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Sch.	Benevo. Contri.	Eng. M.	Ger. M.	Post Office Address.
D. Winters,	4	Mount Zion,	260	450	440	40	40	2	2	30	5	4	$230,00	75	5	Dayton, Ohio.
T. H. Winters,	1	Cæsar's Creek,	150	110	160					6	2		53,00	20		Xenia, Ohio.
P. C. Prugh,	1	Xenia,	100	125	112	10	5	3	13	6	3	1	75,00	40		Xenia, Ohio.
I. H. Reiter,	3	Miamisburg,	218	308	280	64	49	37		6	4	2	145,00	50	5	Miamisburg, O.
H. Rust,	1	1st. Church, Cincinnati,	245	365	365	108	26	36	5	3	8	1	283,00	1	12	Cincinnati, O.
G. W. Williard,	3	Bethel Charge,	60	150	125	8	30	11		2	2	1	20,40	40		Dayton, O.
A. C. Kendig,	3	West Alexandria,	93	282	239	11	22	8	10	6	4	2	86,00	30		West Alexandria, O.
S. Mease,	1	2nd. Church, Cincinnati,	28	37	34	6	7	8	5	6	1	1	20,00	15		Cincinnati, O.
G. Z. Mechling,	3	Seven Mile,	123	110	107	15	19	5	3	2	4	2	76,00	25		Seven Mile, O.
L. H. Kefauver,	1	Dayton,	100	165	140	9	5	6	2		2	1	30,00	30		Dayton, O.
J. Richards,	4	Union,		220	220	25	48	3	2	1	2	4	75,00	20		North Hampton, O.
C. Saure,	1	3d. Church, Cincinnati,	186	329	324	86	25	67	18	7	21	1	174,00		10	Cincinnati, O.
J. Schlosser,	2	Fairfield,		215	185	22	44	17	2	2	2	2	50,00	40		Fairfield, O.
E. F. Loeders,	1	2nd. Church, Dayton,	60	106	90	56	8	29	5	30	1	1	14,00		10	Dayton, O.
T. J. Barkley,	3	New Madison,		140	125				1	1	2	3		25		New Madison, O.
A. Wanner,	2	Germantown,	80	161	80	10	10		1			1	15,00	15		Germantown, O.
J. Weaver,	2	St. Paris,		100								1		20		St. Paris, O.
L. Rike,	2	Corydon, Mission,		50	50	2	16	9					17,00	15		Corydon, Ind.
J. A. Leis,	4	St. John's,	140	205	151	31	25	15			10	1	15,00	6	6	Miamisburg, O.
C. Pluss,	2	Brown County,		45	37	16	7				1		8,00			Arnheim, O.
J. Stuck,	4	Dallas,	50	125	110	32	39	7	2	1	8	2	11,09	40		Greenville, O.
G. H. Leonard,	2	Highland,	131	248	240	16	6			20	3	2	119,00	30		Hillsboro, Ohio.
W. B. Sandoe,	2	Port Jefferson,	138	137	96	3	7	4			2		10,75	30		Pratt, Shelby co., O.
J. Schlosser, (supply,)	2	Beaver Congregation,	60	67	50							1	25,00			
S. K. Denius,												1				Germantown, O.

J. Kercher, Lacon, Ill., C. Berentz, Grandview, O., J. McConnell, Anna, Ill., George Shafer, Nevins, O.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Ministers.	No. of Con.	Charges.	Bapt. Mem.	Members.	Communi.	Baptisms.	By Confir.	By Letter.	Dismissed.	Excommu.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Minutes.	Benevolent Contribu.	Post Office Address.
H. Williard.	2	Columbus,	60	46	42	3		3	3			2	15	$20,00	Columbus, O.
J. B. Thompson,	1	Delaware,	171	197	163	27	7	15	2	1	2	1	30	91,27	Delaware, O.
H. King,	3	Union,	150	200	140	4			8	1	6	2	10	20,00	Baltimore, O.
P. D. Shory,	1	Lancaster,	37	75	68	14		6			1	1	3		Lancaster, O.
C. W. Hoyman,	4	Somerset,	200	225	200	26	12	6			12	2	30	179,00	Somerset, O.
N. H. Loose,	4	Sugar Grove,	100	160	150	32	27	10			5	4	20	34,36	Sugar Grove, O.
J. C. Klar,	4	Tarlton,			169	26						2		40,00	Stoutsville, O.
John Vogt,	2	Basil,	58	110	85	8	1	1	2			2	20	98,58	Basil, O.
J. I. Swander,	3	Kinnickkinnick,	100	130	130	8	5	3	3		6	8	40	200,00	Chillicothe, O.
J. C. Henneman,		Beaver,		530	343	62	16				19	1		10,00	Beavertown, O.
S. S. Rickly,		No Charge,													Columbus, O.
James Heffley,	4	Lithopolis,	200	256	219								30		Canal, Winchester, O.
John Rubl,		No Report.													Defiance, O.

IOWA CLASSIS.

Ministers.	No. of Conge.	Charges.	Bapt. Mem.	Members.	Communi.	Baptisms.	By Confir.	By Letter.	Dismissed.	Excommu.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Minutes.	Benevolent Contribu.	Post Office Address.
F. C. Bauman,	1	Zwingle.	71	84	80	39	21	2	1			1	20		Rockdale, Dubuque co., Iowa.
J. Riale,	4	Tipton and Boulder,	97	87	87	16	15	51				1	20		Lisbon, co., Iowa.
J. H. Buser,	2	Oskaloosa,			50	14	14	20	2		1	2	20		Oskaloosa.

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS

Ministers.	Congrega.	Charges.	Members.	Con Mem.	Communi.	Baptisms.	Confirmat.	Rec. by Cer.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	M. Sy. Eng.	M. Sy. Ger.	Benevolent Contribu.	Post Office Address.
N. P. Hacke,	6	Greensburg, (Ger.)			693	114	48	2	3	30	5	40	40		Greensburg, Pa.
H. E. F. Voigt,	8	Mt. Pleasant,	350	315	275	48	47	8	2	4		30	10	$58,75	Mt Pleasant, Pa.
C. C. Russell, Ass't.		do													Latrobe, Pa.
Wm. Conrad,	4	Beam's,			162	12			3	4		30		31,32	Jenner X Roads, Pa.
G. B. Russell,	1	Grace Church.	61	89	77	6	7		2	2	1	30		195,00	Pittsburg, do
Vacant,	2	Greensburg, (Eng.)	135	125	120	20	6	7		6	2	25		71,00	Greensburg, do
F. K. Levan,	3	Somerset,	125	175	165	11	2	11	1		4	30		70,00	Somerset, do
A. B. Koplin,	5	Grantsville,		160	160	13	15	4	2	1	3	20	10	25,00	Elklick, do
Benj. Knepper,	9	Wellersburg,		224	209	61	8	1		7	3	25	10	12,00	Wellersburg, do
R. P. Thomas,	4	Salem,	213	240	216	21	16	4	5	3	3	30		91,15	Salem X Roads, do
D. H. Reiter,	6	Shade,		200	165	17	11	3		10	2	20			Stoystown, do
F. A. Edmonds,	4	Berlin,		275	274	30	40	7		2	2	20	20	51,00	Berlin, do
Wm. Weinel,		Superannuated,													
Geo. A. Fickes,		Without charge.													Fremont, O.

SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Con.	Charges.	Me.	Me. Con.	Me. Com	Bap.	Con.	Let.	Dis.	Exc.	Des.	S. S.	Contrib.	Ben.	Min.	Post Office Address.
S. B. Leiter,	4	Tuscarawas,		197	197	25	4	7			1	3	$41,93		40	Navarre, Stark county, Ohio.
Wm. McCaughey,	2	Akron Mission,		46	46	1	1		1		1	2	13,00		10	Akron, O.,
J. Hines,	4	North Union,		125	120	3	1		1		1	3			35	Johnson's Corner's, Sum. co., O.
J. J. Excell,	4	Reedsburg,		179	160		35	2	6			3	78,49		30	Reedsburg, Wayne co., O.
P. J. Spangler,	4	Navarre,	120	180	170	6		5	4		2	3	71,51		40	West Lebanon, Wayne co., O.
M A. Miller,	4	Summit,		196	196	24	50		4			2			40	Uniontown, Stark co., O.
J. M. Lefever,	3	Carrollton,	36	132	132	20	27	9			2	2	35,00		30	Carrollton, O.,
C. H. Reiter,	4	Bristol,		204	158	25	5	1	4		8	3	38,50		25	Smithville, Wayne county, O.
H. Hess,	4			114	114	21							20,00		25	Shelby, Richland do O.
D. R. Moore,	4	Savannah,		135	135	3	7								25	Nankin, Ashland do O.
D. W. Kelly,	3	Shelby,	3	50	50						1	2				Shelby, Richland do O.
J. F. Helm,		Without charge,														Hartville, Stark do O.
H. Shaull,		do do														Leesville, Va.

Without charge: L. Foliett, D. G. Philips.

SHEBOYGAN CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Con.	Charges.	Me.	Me. Un.	Com	Bap.	Con.	Let.	Dea.	Dis	Exc.	S. S.	Contrib.	Ben.	Min.	Post Office Address.
H. A Mühlmeier,		Emanuels,	160	359	160	20	2		3	2		1	$70,00		2	Howard's Grove, Sheboy'n co. O.
J. Bossard,		Sarons,	60	120	60	10	6		2			1	8,00		1	Sheboygan, Wisconsin.
C. Schiller,		Ebenezer,	182	295	182	27		24	3						1	Newtonsburg, Manitowac co. O.
J. T. Kluge,		Zions,	91	167	84	19		12	1	9		1	14,44		2	Sheboygan, Wis.
J. J. Brecht,		Ashford,	60	126	60	6	4	4	3			1	2,45		1	Ashford, Fandula co., Wis.
H. A. Winter,		Lowell,	150	240	140	26	7		3			1	5,00		2	Lowell, Dodge county Wis.
P. Joerris,		Salem,	48	77	48	3	3		1			1	25,00		2	Watertown, Wis.
N. Rutenick,		Sauk city,	40	76	20	15	4		2			4			3	Sauk City, Wis.
J. F. Vergeng,		Mayville,	70	112	70	5			1			1	1,50		1	Mayville, Dodge county, Wis.
C. Lienkemper,		Medina,	60	80	60	16	4								1	Medina, Wis.

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Con.	Names of Charges.	Me. Bap	Me. Con.	Me. Com	Bap	Con.	Lef.	Dis.	Exc.	Dea.	S. S	Ben. Con-trib.	Post Office Address.
F. Rahauser,		Superannuated,												Wilkins, Pa.,
R. Good,	3	Good Hope,		87	70	15	4				1	2	$ 4,50	Tiffin, Ohio.
J. H. Good,	2	2nd Ref. church, Tiffin,	200	168	160	48	24	5		4	5	2	32,00	do do
Max Stern,	3	Gallion,		450	450	55	12	19			12	2	80,00	Gallion, do
H. J. Rutenick,	1	Cleveland,		50	50								80,00	Cleveland, Ohio.
J. Klingler,	4	Salems,		75	73							3		Herring, do
H. Eschmeier,	1	Toledo Mission,	150	110	110	18	2	8				1		Toledo, do
J. G. Ruhl,	6	Marion,		200	200	26	14				7	4	60,68	Marion, do
J. J. Escher,	4	Berwick,	290	307	304	68	34	17	2		10	2	98,00	Fostoria, do
Eli Keller,	6	Bucyrus,		320	320	54	15				7	4	125,00	Bucyrus, do
M. Kieffer, D. D.,	1	Fort Seneca,	74	77	68	4			2				15,00	Tiffin, do
J. Knie,	2	Vermillion,		118	126	25	15				5	1	22,00	Vermillion, do
C. Weiler,		Superannuated,												N. Winchester, Ohio.
Vacant.	3	Upper Sandusky,		68	20						1	1		Upper Sandusky, do
E. E. Higbee,	1	1st Ref. church, Tiffin,	190	190	138	8	6	5			2	1		Tiffin, do
Pet. Tendick,	2	Attica Mission,		145	145	30	31	15	17	2	2	2	45 34	Attica, do
J. Heller,	2	Fremont,		90	87	32	15	8				2	47,50	Fremont, do
J. B. Kniest,	1	Sandusky city,	75	66	66	9	5			2	4	1	10,00	Sandusky city, do
	3	Thompson,		178	178	25	12				7	2	80,00	Bellevue, do
C. Raths,	4	Hessville,		112	133	42	13				3	1		Blackswamp, do
C. Bank,		New Bremen,												New Bremen, do
H. E. C. Shutte,	5	Findlay Mission,	250	140	120	41	19				11	1	16,07	Findlay, do
P. Greding,	2	Allen co. do		122	137	12	15	13		24	19			Riley creek, do
W. Witzgall,		Henry co. do												New Bavaria, do
Vacant,		Henry co. do												Napoleon, do
J. Eichen,	1	Crestline,		37	33	16		10	1		2		2,56	Crestline. do
D. C. Zimmerman,	3	Wetstone,		137	170	14	12	29			3	2		Gallion, do
M. Miller,	2	Farths,		90	75	11	16		1		4	2		Tiffin, do
C. Kuss,	1	Huron,		27	27	8					1		75,00	Huron, do

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS

Ministers.	Congrega.	Names of Charges.	Mem. Bap.	Mem. Con.	Communi.	Baptized.	Confirma.	By Letter	Dismissed.	Excommu.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Benevolent Contribu.	Min. Ger.	Min. Eng.	Post Office Address.
J. H. Klein,	1	St. John's Congregation,	210	183	183	33	7	23	1		10	1	$98,68	20		Fort Wayne, Ind.
W. H. Fenneman,	3	Dlufton Charge,	194	186	186	22	10	10		2	7	1	47,00	15	10	Bluffton, Ind.
W. Wasnick,		No Report,														Pulaski, Williams co., O.
Vacant,	3	Bryan Charge,	140	160	102	20		7			8			10		
Phil. Becker,	6	Whitley county Mission,		147	147	29					7		12,00			Columbia City, Ind.
P. Vitz,	2	Adams county Mission,	140	81	76	12					2	2	18,00	12		Decatur, Adams, co,, Ind.
Vacant,	1	Huntington Charge,	210	108	100	34	6	2			7	1	11,00	18		Huntington, Ind.
J. Brakefield,	3	Pulaski Charge,		97	97	26	14	23			4	2	25,00		75	Evansport, Defiance co., O.
J. G. Kissell,	6	Union Charge,		223		65	22	1			7	5				Auburn, Kalb co., Ind.
A. Butt,	6	Jefferson Charge,		105	105	9	6	5	10	4	2	3				Pulaski, Williams co., O.
*Chas. Cast,	1	Detroit Mission,														Detroit, Mich.
†D. Kroh,	3	St. Joseph's Charge,														Elkhart, Ind.
E. Spangler,		Without charge,														Edgarton, Williams co., O.
D. Lantz,		No report,														Constantine, Mich.
* Jones Michael,																Winnamac, Pulaski co., Ind.
T. Winters,		Superannuated,														
Vacant,		Colon Charge,														
Vacant,		Neriah Charge,														

*Lately taken charge. † Not yet connected with St. Joseph Classis.

INDIANA CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Cong.	Names of Charges.	M. Bap.	M. Con.	Comm.	Bapti.	Confir.	Re. Let.	Excom.	Dismis.	Death.	S. Sch.	C. Sch.	Benev. Contri.	Post Office Address.
M. G. I. Stern,	1	1st. Ref. Ch. Indianapolis.	60	95	80	24	4	12	5	3	8	1	1	$60,00	Indianapolis, Ind.
J. Eichen,	1	Linton,		46		8					1				Linton, Greene co , Ind.
J. Blatgen,	1	Evansville,		31	38	28	1	3	2		3	1	1	39,77	Evansville, Ind.
G. H. Zumpe,	3	Poland,		147	190	26					8	2		30,81	Poland, Clay co., Ind.
H. Kortheuer,	1	Zion's,	37	48	35	19	2	8		1	4	1	1	30,00	Terra Haute, Ind.
J. D. Colliflower,	3			50	50	12	3	6			1	1			New Pittsburg, Randolph co., Ind.
E. Baumann,		Bowling Green Mission,													
F. Wahl,	3	Dayton.			135		12							15,00	Dayton. Tippecanoe co,, Ind.
C. Jackel,	1			92	60	20	5			2	7	1		160,00	Louisville, Ky.
T. Etter,															

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Cong.	Names of Charges.	M. Un.	M. Con.	Comm.	Bapti.	Confir.	Re. Let.	Dismis.	Excom.	Death.	S. Sch.	Benev. Contri.	Minu.	Post Office Address.
John Hoyman,	6	Orangeville,		230	212	14	5	6			10	7	$30,00	25	Orangeville, Stephenson co., Ill.
J. P. Decker,		Without charge,													Freeport, do do
H. K. Baines,	2	Shelbyville,	10	26	26	10	16		1			2	18,78	25	Shelbyville, Shelby co., do
John Stoneberger,	1	Astoria,	30	54		1	10	4			1	1	5,00	10	Astoria, Fulton co., do
P. H. Kroh,	4	Anna,		91	91	19	45	4						12	Anna, Union co., do
C. W. Seaman,	2	Cedarville,											2,00	12	Cedarville, Stephenson co., do
do		Forreston,												10	do do do do
George Weber,		Without charge,													Forreston, Ogle co., do
H. Knepper,		do													Ogle Station, do
Joseph Sechler, (licen.)															Orangeville, Stephenson co., do

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregati.	Names of Charges.	Memb. Confi.	Communican.	Baptisms.	Confirmation.	By Letter.	Excommunic.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	Benevolent Collections.	Post Office Address.
J. W. Hamm,	7	Manchester,		670	81	84				41	5	$67,32	Nimisilla, Summit couhty, Ohio.
D. Kemmerer,	5	Wooster,	430	400	80	21				20	3	110,66	Wooster, do
P. Herbruck,	6	Canton,		917	122	80				69	6	92,94	Canton, do
J. G. Zahner,	5	Shanesville,		410	45	33				23	5	51,58	Rogersville, Tuscars co., do
R. Kohler,	1	Mt. Eton,		50	4	11				6		9,74	Mt. Eton, Wayne co., do
G. Ziegler,	8	North Georgetown,	700	644	66	70				15		51,71	North Georgetown, Col. co., do
G. Rettig,	5	New Bedford,		215	51	18				24	1	14,00	New Bedford, Coshocton co. do
J. Ackeret,	3	Mt. Eton,		180	25	9				14	2	17,04	Mt. Eton, Wayne co., do
C. Zwisler,	3	Canfield,											Canfield, do
J. F. Englebaugh,	2	Akron,	125	125	22					6	1	3,73	Akron, Summit county, do
S. N. King,	2	New Lisbon,	137	137	8	5	2				1	52,72	New Lisbon, Col. co., do
C. Fehr,	2	Youngstown,		60	17							4,04	Youngstown, Mahoning co. do
J. Rettig,	4	New Philadelphia,		240	37	26	16			7	2	27,25	New Philadelphia, do
J. Reinhart,	5	Spriagfield,		375	30	40				10	3	36,59	North Lima, do
J. J. Roemer,	2	Calcutta,		26	4								Calcutta, do
S. Seibert,		No report,											
E. H. T. Woehler,	2			186	12	1						11,40	Albion, Ashland county, do
H. K. Zink,													
V. W. Rehkopf, Licentiate,													
J. Biery, do													

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SESSIONS.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SYNOD

OF THE

German Reformed Church

IN THE

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AT

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CHAMBERSBURG, Pa., October 15th, 1862.

THE SYNOD OF THE GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES convened, in accordance with the resolution of the last Synod, in the First German Reformed church, Chambersburg, Pa., on Wednesday evening, the 15th of October, A. D., 1862, at half past 7 o'clock. The opening sermon was preached by the President of the last Synod, the Rev. Henry Harbaugh, D. D., from Matthew 16 : 3, "Can ye not discern the signs of the times?"

At the close of the services, the Synod was opened with prayer by the President. The Synod proceeded to the making out of the Roll, when the following delegates presented the evidences of their appointment, and took their seats:

1.) *From the Classis of East Pennsylvania.*

Rev. Joshua H. Derr and J. Henry Dubs.

Elders— * * * * * * * *

2.) *From the Classis of Lebanon.*

Rev. George Wolff and Franklin W. Kremer.

Elders— * * * * * * * *

3.) *From the Classis, of Zion.*

Rev. William K. Zieber and Samuel Kuhn.

Elder—David Lupfer.

4.) *From the Classis of Maryland.*

Rev. John S. Foulk, Mortimer L. Shuford, Jesse Steiner, and John G. Fritchey.

Elder—John Rodenmayer.

5.) *From the Classis of Philadelphia.*

Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, D. D., Samuel G. Wagner, and Charles Lukens.

Elders—Jesse Frantz and William Earnest.

6.) *From the Classis of Virginia.*

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7.) *From the Classis of North Carolina.*

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8.) *From the Classis of Mercersburg.*

Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., Benjamin Bausman, Benjamin S. Schneck, D. D., and Samuel H. Reid.

Elders—Willian Heyser and Daniel P. Miller.

9.) *From the Classis of Goshenhoppen.*

Rev. George W. Anghinbaugh and William R. Yearick.

Elders— * * * * * * * *

10.) *From the Classis of New York.*

Rev. Oscar Lohr.

Elder— * * * * * * * *

11.) *From the Classis of Lancaster.*

Rev. Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D. and Daniel Gans.

Elders—Daniel Lefever and Samuel Welshans.

12.) *From the Classis of East Susquehanna.*

Rev. Jared Fritzinger, Albert G. Dole, and C. A. Rittenhouse.

Elders— * * * * * * * *

13.) *From the Classis of West Susquehanna.*

Rev. William H. Groh, John K. Millet, and Franklin J. Mohr.

Elders—William Meyer and Abraham Brown.

14.) *From the Classis of Clarion.*

Rev. Jeriah S. Shade.

Elders— * * * * * * * *

15.) *From the Classis of St. Paul.*

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16.) *From the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States.*

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After the Roll was thus far completed, the Synod adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Benediction by the President.

THURSDAY, October 16th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Singing, and Prayer by the Rev. William R. Yearick.

The following additional delegates appeared and were added to the Roll:

From the Classis of Maryland—Elders Martin Rickenbaugh and Peter Shafer.

From the Classis of Mercersburg—Elder George Besore.

The Synod proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, when the Rev. Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D., was chosen *President*, and the Rev. Franklin W. Kremer, *Corresponding Secretary*, by acclamation. Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., is *Stated Clerk*.

The election of *Treasurer* was deferred until after the Trustees of Synod shall have submitted their report.

The rules of order were read by the Stated Clerk.

Synod took a recess of half an hour, to afford the President an opportunity to appoint the Standing Committees.

At the close of the recess, the Synod resumed its sessions. The President announced the following Standing Committees:

On Minutes of Synod—Rev. Benjamin S. Schneck, D. D., Albert G. Dole, and Elder Abraham Brown.

On Overtures—Rev. William K. Zieber, Samuel Kuhn, and Elder William Heyser.

On Correspondence with Sister Churches—Rev. Benjamin Bausman, Jared Fritzinger, and Elder Daniel Lefever.

On Minutes of Classes—Rev. Joshua H. Derr, Benjamin Bausman, Oscar Lohr, J. Henry Dubs, Samuel G. Wagner, William H. Groh, William R. Yearick, and Elders Samuel Welshans and George Besore.

On Examination, Licensure and Ordination—Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, D. D., George W. Aughinbaugh, Mortimer L. Shuford, and Elders John Rodenmayer and William Meyer.

On the State of Religion and Statistical Reports—Rev. Daniel Gans, Benjamin S. Schneck, D. D., Samuel G. Wagner, and Elders Martin Rickenbaugh and Samuel Welshans.

On the Theological Seminary—Rev. Samuel H. Reid, Daniel Gans, and Elder George Besore.

On Missions—Rev. Franklin W. Kremer, Franklin J. Mohr, and Elder Daniel P. Miller.

On Finance—Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., Charles Lukens, and Elder Peter Shafer.

On Nominations—Rev. John S. Foulk, William K. Zieber, and Elder William Heyser.

On Publication—Rev. George W. Aughinbaugh, George Wolff, and Elder David Lupfer.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

From the Classis of Lebanon—Rev. David W. Wolff.

From the Classis Zion—Rev. George E. Addams and Samuel Philips.

From the Classis of Maryland—Rev. John Kuelling, Walter E. Krebs, and John H. Wagner.

From the Classis of Mercersburg—Rev. Henry Heckerman, William R. H. Deatrick, and Thomas G. Apple.

From the Classis of West Susquehanna—Rev. John C. Bucher.

From the Classis of Lancaster—Rev. Martin A. Smith and Henry Harbaugh, D. D.

From the Classis of East Susquehanna—Rev. Ephraim Kieffer.

From the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States—Rev. George B. Russell.

The Minutes of the Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Zion, Maryland, Philadelphia, Mercersburg, Goshenhoppen, New York, Lancaster, and West Susquehanna, were received and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the reports on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, which were referred to the Committee on this subject.

Messrs. John W. Love, Carl Whitmer and George H. Johnston, from the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, applied for licensure. They were referred to the Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination.

The following persons were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for the conducting of the several religious exercises during the sessions of Synod, not otherwise provided for: Rev. Benjamin Bausman, Benjamin S. Schneck, D. D., and Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., and Elders William Heyser and Martin Rickenbaugh.

It was ordered, that the sessions of Synod during the present meeting open at 9 o'clock in the morning and 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and close at 12 o'clock in the morning and 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The reading of the Minutes of the last annual meeting of Synod was called for, when it was

Resolved, That the reading of the Minutes be dispensed with, and that they be referred to the Committee on Minutes of Synod.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at

9 o'clock, to hear a committee from the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College.

The Synod adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Prayer by Rev. Jesse Steiner.

THURSDAY, October 16th, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. C. A. Rittenhouse.

Elder Daniel Diehl, delegate from the Classis of Lebanon, and Elder Henry Ruby, delegate from the Classis of Mercersburg, appeared and took their seats.

Rev. John Ault, of the Classis of Mercersburg, appeared and and took his seat as an advisory member.

The presence of the Rev. Jacob Steck and Mr. McHenry of the Lutheran Church, was announced.

The following annual report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary was received, read and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary:

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States.

REVEREND BRETHREN.—The assembling of your reverend Body makes it my duty, as the President of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, to submit to you their Annual Report.

It is indeed no common mark of the favor of God, that, in the present greatly excited state of our country, you have been permitted, in undisturbed peace and quiet, to assemble together for the transaction of business, so intimately connected with the growing interests of our beloved Zion. While our bleeding country has been passing through the most terrible conflicts incident to a state of internal disruption, we, as a Church, in the good providence of God, have been spared unmolested, the enjoyment of our civil and religious privileges. Still, we have suffered much, under the prevailing excitement, so natural to a state such as that in which our country is at present involved, by calling off the minds of the people from their religious duties and carrying them along with the reigning spirit.

The Christian sympathy of the Churches have been widely, and deeply awakened in behalf of our country, and large sums of money have been contributed, in order to render the condi-

tion of our armies as comfortable as possible, which is as it should be, and flows, as we trust, from the noble principle of Christian patriotism. May not your Board hope, that, along with this expression of Christian zeal, a corresponding spirit of liberality will be manifested by our churches, in carrying forward its benevolent enterprises, so necessary to the growth and enlargement of the spiritual condition of the churches under your care. Your Board feel, that a corresponding activity should prevail in the churches, in order to stem the outward pressure of the world, and keep them in a healthy state.

The old debt which has so long encumbered the Church, still remains unpaid. Annually the attention of Synod has been called to it, and its payment urged. It, however, still continues to be an incumbrance, growing in magnitude by increasing interest, and ought not to be allowed to remain any longer.

The Seminary buildings and the fences enclosing the grounds have been repaired, and will not, it is hoped, require any great expenditure for some time to come. There has been but little change in the finances for the past year, notwithstanding the unsettled state of the country, for which we have great reason to be thankful, as, otherwise our Church operations might have been seriously affected.

There remains a considerable amount of interest due on Plainfield Bonds, and as a means of securing a more punctual payment of this interest, the Treasurer suggests the propriety of sending circulars to those indebted. The Board would ask the instruction of Synod in relation to this item. $264,01 only of the interest due, has been paid into the Treasury. The income from dividends and interest on investments amounted to $1,833,40. On the Synodical apportionments $386,09, including a balance $61,31, has been paid, leaving still due by different Classes of $1,808,33. An examination of the Treasurer's Report will show what Classes are still in arrears.

The amount of interest received on the Theological Tutor Fund has been insufficient to pay the salary of the Tutors. There is enough due to meet it in full. $467,39 has been paid, leaving a balance due the Tutor of $132,61. Your Board deem it only necessary to call the attention of Synod to the facts in the case. The Treasurer holds only ten bonds of the whole amount pledged to the support of the Tutorship, which is not half the number pledged. Your Board hope that Synod will take such action, as will cause the remaining bonds to be placed in the hands of the Treasurer.

The whole amount received into the Treasury during the past year has been $3,216,75. The amount expended is $3,080,61, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of $136,14. For a more full exhibit of the state of the finances, you are respectfully referred to the accompanying report of the Treasurer.

All of which is respectfully submitted, in the hope that the Great Head of the Church may be with you in your deliberations.

WILLIAM HEYSER. *President.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Church.

GENTLEMEN :—I herewith present my first account as Treasurer of the Theological Seminary from Sept. 16th, 1861 to Oct. 1st, 1862.

There has been but little change in the condition of the finances of the Seminary during the last year, notwithstanding the condition of the country has been exceedingly disturbed and critical. It must certainly be a source of thankfulness that our Church has been so little affected as yet in her financial operations by the disturbed state of the country.

The receipts from interest on Plainfield Bonds amount to $264,01, somewhat less, it is true, than last year, though equal perhaps to the average of former years. The Treasurer believes that by sending out circulars to the Bond-holders during the coming year the receipts from this source can be considerably increased.

The income from dividends and investments is a little greater than last year, amounting to $1833,40. The amount received on the Synodical apportionment account is $386,09, including a balance from last year of $61,31.

There is still due from the Virginia Classis		$195,00
East Pennsylvania Classis,		483,70
Lebanon	"	406,56
Philadelphia	"	271,75
Lancaster	"	176,32
Goshenhoppen	"	200,00
New York	"	75,00
		$1,808,33

There has been a tardiness on the part of some of the Classes in paying the interest on the Theological Tutorship Bonds, which, it is hoped, will be remedied hereafter. The income from this source amounts to $467,39, while the expenditure amounts to $600. It must be remembered, too, that the Tutorship Bonds were bearing interest for nine months before the first Tutor entered upon his duties. The Treasurer holds only ten of these bonds, not half the number that were pledged. Several parties that pledged to give bonds at the Synod of Lebanon have failed to redeem their pledges. It would seem

necessary, therefore, that Synod should take measures to this endowment properly filled up, and urge the Classes more to give their bonds for the amount pledged.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. WINGERD, *Treasu*

Theological Seminary in account with A. B. WINGERD, *Trea*
from September 16*th*, 1861, *to October* 1*st*, 1862.

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1862 *Interest on Plainfield Bonds.*

EAST PENNSYLVANIA CLASSIS.		
I. Rader 6, J. P. Hetrick 6, Wm. Lawall 6, T. and S. Deshler 6, Dr. Traill Green 6,	$30,00	
MERCERSBURG CLASSIS		
Jos. Stickel 6, Yellow Creek Consistory 6, Haderman & Dittmar 3, G. Gorsuch 2,80, Rev. T. Fouse 6, P. Rhodes 6, Haderman & Dittmar 6, Rev. J May 0,60, Friends Cove, per E. Gump, Esq., 20, Dr. B. C. Wolff, Bond No. 4, $4,50, Bond No, 10, $4,00, Dr. S. R. Fisher 6, Waynesboro' cong. 6, Samuel S. Fluck, Administrator of Michael Fluck, 13,50,	90,40	
LANCASTER CLASSIS.		
Rev. T. C. Porter 18, Rev. T. Appel 12,	30,00	
WEST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS.		
John and George Hoffer 6,	6,00	
ZION'S CLASSIS.		
Rev. W. C. Bennet 6, Rev. W. K. Zieber 30, Christ's Church, Littlestown 12,	48,00	
LEBANON CLASSIS.		
Rev. A. S. Leinbach 12, Rev. J. D. Zehring 6.	18,00	
EAST PENNSYLVANIA CLASSIS.		
St. Peters church, Stroudsburg,	12,00	
MARYLAND CLASSIS.		
David C. Hammond 6 and 6,	12,00	
PHILADELPHIA CLASSIS.		
Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., 11,	11,00	
ILLINOIS CLASSIS.		
Rev. George Weber 18,61,	18,61	
		$2
Dividends and Interest.		
Kieffer fund,	$570,00	
Keller fund,	300,00	
Bank Dividends,	696,40	
Interest from Peter Cook's estate on Legacy,	72,00	
Interest on Sundry Investments,	195,00	
		1,8
Carried forward,		$2,1

Brought forward,		$2,109,41

Principal of Plainfield Bonds

Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D.,	$50,00	
Rev. J. Gorsuch, dec'd ,	10,00	
Dr. Traill Green,	50,00	
S. S. Fluck, Administrator of M. Fluck,	25,00	
David C. Hammond,	100,00	
		235,00

Miscellaneous.

Balance from last year,	30,86	
		30,86
		$2,375,27

DR.

To Cash paid at sundry times to Dr. P. Schaff,	$1,000,00	
" " " " Dr. B. C. Wolff,	851,68	
Interest on Clopp Legacy,	40,00	
Treasurer's salary paid for keeping books,	100,00	
Franklin Co. Mutual Insurance Company,	10,00	
Stationary, postage, etc.,	8,00	
Permanently invested,	235,00	
Balance to new year,	130,59	
		$2,375,27

Synodical Apportionment Account.

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MERCERSBURG CLASSIS.

Rev. J. Hassler 22,00, Alexandria charge 15,17, Rev. N. E. Gilds 15,00 Alexandria charge 8,89,	$61,06	

PHILADELPHIA CLASSIS.

Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, Race Street charge.	65,75	

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Per Rev. I. Gerhart,	135,93	

WEST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS.

Freeburg Charge,	22,60	

LEBANON CLASSIS.

Rev. J. Klein 5, Rev. F. W. Kremer 22,44	27,44	
Balance from last year,	61,31	
		$374,09

DR.

To Cash paid at sundry times to Treasurer of Franklin and Marshall College,	$235,93	
Balance to new year,	138,16	
		$374,09

Theological Tutorship Fund in account with A. B. Wingerd, Tres'r.

CR.

By one year's interest, John Wiest,	$30,00	
" " " " Faculty of Seminary,	30,00	
" " " " R. F. Kelker,	30,00	
" " " " Rev. B. Bausman,	30,00	
" " " " Rev. Dr. B. S. Schaeck,	30,00	
Carried over,		$150,00

Brought over,		$150,00
By one year's interest, Wm. E. Schmertz,	$30,00	
Zion's Classis.	74,50	
Rev. A. L. and G. B. Dechant,	30,00	
Lebanon Classis, per Rev. F. W. Kremer 22, Rev. F. W. Kremer 2, Rev. J. D. Zehring 2,	26,00	
West Susquehanna Classis,	81,39	
Goshenhoppen Classis,	30,00	
Maryland Classis,	25,00	
Mercersburg Classis,	60,00	
East Susquehanna Classis,	10,50	
Balance due Treasurer,	132,61	
		450,00
		$600,00

DR.

To Cash paid Rev. Wm. M. Reily, one year's salary,	$400,00	
" " " Rev. A. B. Kerschner, " "	200,00	
		$600,00

Summary.

CR.

Interest on Plainfield Bonds,	$276,01	
Dividends and Interest,	1,833,40	
Principal P. Bonds,	235,00	
Synodical Apportionment,	374,09	
Miscellaneous,	30,86	
Theological Tutorship,	467,39	
		$3,216,75

DR.

Total Disbursements,	$3,080,61	
Balance in Treasury,	136,14	
		$3,216,75

Rev. Joseph G. Shoemaker, delegate from the Classis of Clarion, appeared and took his seat.

The Minutes of the Classis of Clarion were received and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the report on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, which was referred to the Committee on that subject.

Rev. T. Calvin Leinbach, delegate from the Classis of Lebanon, appeared and took his seat.

The Committee on religious exercises, announced the appointment of Rev. William K. Zieber to preach in the Reformed church this evening, and the Rev. Samuel H. Giesy, on to-morrow evening.

Rev. Isaac E. Graeff, of the Classis of Lancaster, appeared and took his seat as an advisory member.

Application for licensure was made on behalf of Frederick Fox, of the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg. He was referred to the Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination.

Rev. Herman Rust, delegate from the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States, appeared, presented credentials of his appointment and took his seat.

A communication was received from the students of the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, and referred to the Committe on Overtures.

The following annual report was received from the Board of Publication, and referred to the Committee on Publication:

The Board of Publication would respectfully submit the following report:

It was feared, that the civil convulsion into which our unhappy country has been thrown, would prove disastrous to the business operations of our Printing Establishment. We are happy, however, to state, that our anticipations have not been realized. From the annual statement of the condition of the Establishment, submitted to our consideration by the firm, we learn that it has been much less affected by the war than we had a right to expect. The following is a brief synopsis of the annual statement submitted to the consideration of the Board:

The amount of liabilities, Oct., 1st, 1862, is	$11,4840,02¾
" " " Sept., 1861, was	12,950,36¾
Showing the encouraging fact that during the year there has been a decrease in the liabilities of the Establishment of	$2,466,34
The total assets of the Establishment, Oct. 1, '62 is	$45,750,28
" " " Sept. 14, '61 was	46,775,63

Showing a decrease in the assets as compared with the last year of $1,025,35.

Considering the derangement of finances, occasioned by the troubles of the country, which has lessened the real value of the dues on "Messenger" and "Kirchenzeitung," scattering the delinquent subscribers, and making the collection of monies from them almost impossible, this decrease in the assets is much smaller than the Board expected it would be.

There has been an increase in the circulation of the "Messenger," and a decrease in the circulation of the "Kirchenzeitung," as will be seen from the following statements:

"Messenger," New subscribers for the year,		328
More than last year,		109
Present number of subscribers,	2,599	
Number of subscribers, Sept., 14, '61,	2,555	
Increase,	44	

"Kirchenzitung," New subscribers for the year,		180
Less than previous year,		9
Present number of subscribers,	2,000	
Number of subscribers, Sept, 14, '61,	2,154	
Decrease,	154	

This decrease is owing doubtless to the financial derangement of the country and the stoppage of mail facilities. This should actuate us to increased effort during the coming year to increase the circulation of our Church Papers.

The following is a summary of the Receipts and Disbursements for the year.

RECEIPTS.

Messenger (1 year and 1 No.)	$4,476,99	
Kirchenzeitung,	1,747,73	
Books and Jobs, &c.,	5,317,33	
Cash taken in Bindery,	426,54	
Loans effected at different times,	5,878,17	
Proceeds of note, on sale of building,	518,08	
Total receipts from all sources,	$18,364,84	
Due Treasurer, Oct, 1, '62,	171,34¾	
Amount,		$18,536,18¾

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid principal on notes and loans,	$8,951,83	
Interest, material, hands, &c.,	9,578,32	
Balance due Treasurer, Sept, 14, 1861,	6,03¾	
Amount,		$18,536,18¾

The publication of a Church Almanac again claimed the attention of the Board. The opinion was unanimous that such an annual messenger in the community and among our membership would become the bearer of much profitable intelligence concerning our Church. Through this medium other branches of the Church have given wide-spread publicity to their numerical strength, and pressed home upon society their peculiar spirit, doctrines, and claims. It would be politic and expedient for us to adopt the same medium. And the Board fully believes, that the efforts of some judicious, enterprising individual in this direction, backed by the sympathy and co-operation of the Synod, would meet with abundant success, which would be of pecuniary profit to himself and lasting benefit to the Church. In view of this the Board respectfully recommends to Synod the expediency of adopting some measures towards the publication of a Church Almanac.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL PHILIPS, *Secretary.*

October 16th, 1862.

The following report was received from the Committee on Minutes of Synod:

The Committee on Minutes of Synod of last year find the following items claiming the attention of Synod:

Item 1, page 42. A continuation of the Committee on the Tri-centennial celebration of the Heidelberg Catechism, to carry out the several measures proposed.

Item 2, page 70. Instructions to the Treasurer of Widows' Fund Society to transfer its funds to the Trustees of Synod.

Item, 3, page 73. The appointment of delegates to Corresponding Bodies.

Item 4, page 77. The recommittal of the Provisional Liturgy to the original Committee on the Liturgy for final revision, with the request to report, if possible, to this meeting of Synod.

Item 5, page 36. The continuance of the Committee to translate the Provisional Liturgy into the German language and co-öperate with the other committee on the same subject.

Item 6, page 87. The appointment of a committee to co-öperate with a similar committee of the Western Synod in making arrangements for holding the first meeting of the General Synod.

Item 7, page 95. Instructions to the Stated Clerk in reference to the publication and distribution of the Minutes of Synod.

Item 8, page 96. Resolutions calling attention of the several Clasess delinquent on the $17,000 fund, as well as those delinquent on the Contingent fund of Synod and apportionments for the payment of the debt of the Theological Seminary, to their indebtedness and urging them to make arrangements for its immediate liquidation.

Item 9, page 87. A statement of Dr. P. Schaff, in reference to the German Hymn book, referred to a committee with instructions to report to this Synod.

Item 10, page 40. The continuation of the committee to prosecute the suit against Ex-Sheriff Duncan, of York Co., Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

B. S. SCHNECK, *Chairman.*

The report was taken up item by item, and disposed of as follows:

Item 1. Laid on the table for the present.

Item 2. Laid on the table until the report of the Treasurer of Synod is received.

Item 3. The following report was received from the delegate to the Synod of the German Reformed Church of Ohio and adjacent States:

As the delegate of this Body to the Synod of the German Reformed Church of Ohio and adjacent States, I beg leave to report, that it was my privilege to attend the sessions of that

respected Synod during its last annual meeting, held in Dayton, from the 21st to the 27th of May 1862. Received with fraternal cordiality, warmly welcomed as the representative of this branch of the Reformed Church, and impressed throughout with cheering proofs of the strong and intelligent attachment of our Western Brethren to our common Zion, the days spent with them at Dayton formed one of the most pleasant and spiritually refreshing periods of my life. As the Proceedings of the important meeting of their Synod in Dayton have been published, and as the Church has been otherwise informed of several matters of special interest which were acted upon, it is not necessary that your delegate should here furnish a detailed report of them. For the Synod's acquiescence in several points referred to it by this Body, its election of the Rev. H. Rust as German Professor at Tiffin, and one or two requests it makes of our Synod, I may refer to its published Minutes. But it may be allowed me to testify to the ardent, growing love evinced for the peculiar characteristics of the German Reformed Church, and to the exhibition of a fixed and zealous purpose to assert and to maintain those peculiarities against all and any contrary innovating movements. Along with a desire and willingness to get more and more rid of all foreign and uncongenial elements that may have insinuated themselves into the life of our Church, there seems to be cherished, also, a proper jealousy lest this purifying process be made the occason of impressing upon that life a character eqally illegitimate and false to our true ecclesiastical antecedents. Our Church in the West desires no revolution, but a restitution—not change, but improvement. And I feel encouraged to report, what this Body will doubtless be encouraged to hear, that in all consistent efforts to revive, and re-establish the proper customs and characteristics of our Church, we may depend upon the cordial co-öoperation of the Synod of Ohio and the adjacent States.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. A. BOMBERGER.

October 1862.

The following report was received from the delegate to the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States:

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States,convened in Chambersburg, Pa.

Reverend Fathers and Brethren:—The undersigned punctually attended the sessions of the body to which he was delegated, which commenced in St. John's church, Allentown, Pa., on the 15th and continued until the 19th of June. He was cordially received both by the president and members of that reverend body, and handed to them several copies, in the Ger-

man and in the English language, of the Acts and Proceedings of the last annual sessions of our Synod. The proceedings of that body were conducted in an earnest and brotherly spirit. The Rev. George F. Miller was chosen as delegate to this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. Kessler.

The reception of the reports from the delegates to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church and to the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, was deferred for the present.

Item 4. The reception of the report from the Committee referred to in this item was made the order of the day for Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

Rev. John Rebaugh and Elder John P. Reed, delegates from the Classis of Mercersburg, appeared and too their seats.

Adjourned. Doxology and Prayer by Rev. Franklin J. Mohr.

FRIDAY, October 17th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Singing and Prayer by Rev. Jared Fritzinger.

The minutes of the preceding sessions were read and adopted.

Elder Robert A. Lyttle and Rev. Jacob O. Miller, delegates from the Classis of Zion; Elder George C. Welker, delegate from the Classis of East Susquehanna; Elder John Boyer, delegate from the Classis of Goshenhoppen; Rev. Samuel H. Giesy and Elder William D. Gross, delegates from the Classis of Philadelphia; Rev. Henry F. Hartman and Lewis D. Leberman, delegates from the Classis of St. Paul; Rev. Jonathan E. Hiester and Elder John Mellinger, delegates from the Classis of Lebanon, and Rev. Dr. John W. Nevin, delegate from the Classis of Lancaster, appeared and took their seats.

Rev. Alexander S. Vaughan, from the Classis of Mercersburg; Rev. Isaac Gerhart, from the Classis of Lancaster; Rev. William F. Colliflower, from the Classis of Maryland; Rev. William C. Bennet, from the Classis of Zion, and Rev. Andrew Shroeder, from the Classis of New York, appeared and took their seats as advisory members.

Messrs. William A. Gring and William C. Cremer, from the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, applied for Licensure.

They were referred to the Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination.

Rev. Herman Rust was added to the Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination.

The Minutes of the Classis of St. Paul were received and referred.

The Committee on Religious Exercises submitted their report, which was received, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Religious Exercises, reports additional, as follows:

Religious exercises for Friday Afternoon—

Hymn, by Rev. J. S. Shade;
Prayer, by Rev. A. G. Dole;
Address, by Rev. J. H Derr;
" by Rev. J. O. Miller;
Prayer, by Rev. M. L. Shuford;
Hymn, by Rev. L. D. Leberman.

Preparatory Services on Saturday afternoon, Rev. J. S. Foulk.

Saturday evening, Dr. J. W. Nevin.
Sabbath morning, Dr. J. H A. Bomberger.
" evening, Rev. D Gans.
St. John's Ger. Ref. Church, morning, Rev. H. Rust.
" " " " afternoon, Rev. J. Kuelling.
Lutheran Church, morning, Dr. H. Harbaugh.
" " evening, Rev. A. G. Dole.
Presbyterian Church, morning, Dr. E. V. Gerhart.
" " evening, Rev. S. H. Reid.
Methodist Church, morning, Rev. W. F. Colliflower.
United Brethren Church, morning, Rev. J. H. Derr.
" " evening, Rev. George Wolff.
German Lutheran Church, morning, Rev. H. F. Hartman.
" " " evening, Rev. O. Lohr.

B. BAUSMAN, *Chairman.*

The presence of the Rev. James F. Kennedy was announced.

The order of the day for this morning, the hearing of the Committee from the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshal College, was taken up. The following memorial was presented by the committee:

At the meeting of the Synod held at Lebanon, in the year 1860, the question of a further endowment for Franklin and

Marshall College, having been fully considered, the following resolutions were adopted:

"1. *Resolved*, That Synod feels the necessity of raising at least Thirty Thousand Dollars for that purpose.

"2. *Resolved*, That we recommend to the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, to place in the field an efficient agent, with an adequate salary, to secure said amount either in cash or bond, on or before the 1st of October 1862.

"3. *Resolved*, That Synod urgently commend this interest to the consideration and liberality of the Church."

Before measures were matured to commence the work here proposed, the political troubles of the country had become such that it was thought best to postpone farther action on the subject, for a time; in the hope that these troubles would soon come to an end, and leave the way open for going forward afterwards under more favorable auspices. In the mean time, however, it was considered indispensable to cut down the expenses of the College, so as to arrest the progress of a growing debt, which threatened to embarrass, in the course of a few years, all its operations. The most material measure adopted by the Board for this purpose, at its annual meeting in 1861, was the suspension of the Professorship of History and German, leaving it with the Faculty to provide for these studies, as they best could, in some other way. In these circumstances, the Faculty employed a tutor at a low salary for the year, and called in the assistance of Rev. Dr. J. W. Nevin, on a pledge of $500, secured by private subscription, in remuneration for his services; an arrangement, which was formally sanctioned and approved by the Synod, which met last year at Easton. At the meeting of the College Board in July of the present year, it was found that the financial condition of the institution had been very materially relieved by this temporary expedient; while it was painfully evident, however, that the necessity still remained, as before, for meeting the wants of the vacant professorship in some special, provisional way. There was no possibility of providing the proper salary for an appointment to it, out of the regular revenue of the College; and the Board felt themselves bound, in justice to the interests intrusted to their care, not to swerve from their own original rule of keeping the current expenses of the institution, as much as possible, to the measure of its current income. The Rev. Dr. Nevin was invited, accordingly, to take charge of the duties of the professorship in form for the following year; while it was proposed, on his consenting to do so, to have a regular salary raised for him, without recourse to the College treasury. But it was felt, at the same time, that to make the benefit of this arrangement complete, some movement should

be made, within the year, to provide for the professorship in a permanent way. For this purpose a committee was appointed, consisting of the Rev. Dr. Nevin, Hon. J. W. Killinger, Hon. John Cessna, Dr. John S. Atlee, and Dr. William Maybury, to appear before the Synod at its present meeting, and to take counsel with it on the expediency of carrying out, at this time, in whole or in part, the general effort which it was proposed to make two years ago, for the full endowment of the institution.

It is true, the political troubles of the country, still continue in full force; and it is not easy to see, how or when they are likely to come to an end. But as we are not ready to stop the College altogether for this cause, but consider it necessary that it should go on, just as we go on with our ordinary affairs in other respects, there would seem to be no good reason why we should excuse ourselves from extending to it the aid, which now especially is needed to carry it forward with effect. Why should the College be expected to bear up without help through all the discouragements of such a time as this, if the friends of the College cannot bear up in the work of assistance, which was acknowledged to be necessary before these discouragements appeared? It seems hardly fair, certainly, that the Board and Faculty of the institution should be required to weather all difficulties in carrying it forward, while the Church to which it belongs, and in whose service it stands, is allowed to claim exemption from the duty of supporting it, because the times are hard. Even if it were felt that we must wait for a more favorable season to make up the principal of the endowment, no good reason can be assigned why we should not provide for the yearly interest of it, or at least so much of it as may be needed to prevent the College from falling into debt, from year to year, in carrying forward its necessary operations. Two years ago it was said, the institution requires an additional endowment of $30,000, and the Church is ready to have it raised within her borders in the course of a single year. Is it too much to expect, that there should be a general readiness now, after the lapse of this time, to raise, if nothing more, the small amount that is wanted by the College, for present yearly uses. The Board of Trustees wish to have the professorship of History and German filled with a permanent appointment; and a special committee has been charged with the duty of looking out a proper man for the place. No such appointment, however, can be made, without some permanent provision for the salary of the professor. For this the Board have nowhere else to look, but to the liberality of the Church, which has been already pledged to the object. It is for the Church to say then, whether they shall have power to carry their wish into effect or not.

The difficulty of the times would seem to be, after all, no sufficient reason for refusing to go forward with our proposed endowment. The country has not been disturbed as much in its business affairs, as it was feared it might be, by the progress of the war. Our own portion of it especially cannot be said to have suffered materially thus far in its pecuniary interests. There has been with us no lack of outward prosperity. Money was never more plenty; and there is no danger before us apparently, of its becoming scarce, but only of its losing its value. It is made to flow freely toward other objects. Why should it be counted unreasonable then, to call for it also in favor of the great and important interest which we have now under consideration?

No object, we may add, can be more worthy of regard in the monumental benevolence, with which it is proposed to signalize the Tricentenary celebration of the coming year. If that celebration is to go forward at all, it ought to be with the exercise of some general liberality on the part of the Church, answering to the greatness of the occasion. For this end, what can be more suitable, among other purposes, than the completion of the endowment, which has been declared to be necessary for Franklin and Marshall College? When shall we find a proper occasion for this great effort, if it be not offered to us in the proposed celebration?

The Committee then beg leave respectfully to suggest, that if the way be open, in the judgment of Synod, for proceeding with such a general system of benevolent offerings on the part of the Church, as was proposed in the beginning for the Tricentenary year, the resolution be now taken to go forward at the same time with the work of completing the endowment of Thirty Thousand Dollars, already declared to be necessary in favor of the College. If the one purpose is proper and right, in the circumstances of the country at the present time, the other must be so also; for unless it be safe to calculate that the liberality of the Church will be put forth on a scale commensurate at least with the idea of such an endowment as this, it would hardly be wise to make a requisition upon it at all in such a broad and solemn way. If the spirit of giving be among us in any degree answerable to so general a movement, it cannot fail to be easily equal to the task of endowing the College, and thus making it, for all time to come, a monument in the eyes of the world, worthy of our professed zeal for the Heidelberg Catechism.

This is one object, the completion at once of the proposed endowment of the College, which we urge in behalf of the Board, if it can be supposed to be at all practicable. But

what we have to urge besides is, that in any case measures be taken at this time to provide in a sure way a certain annual amount of money, say not less than Twelve Hundred Dollars, (which is $600 less than the common interest on the Thirty Thousand Dollars voted to the use of the Board two years ago,) for the current necessities of the institution, till such time as it may be found possible to make the endowment complete. This would be a small matter for the Church, while it would be of immense account for the College. The Board could then go on to complete the organization of the Faculty, in a permanent form, and the operations of the College would be relieved altogether from every sort of embarrassment. This provision, of course, ought to go into effect for the present College year; the arrangements of which, as already intimated, have been based on the supposition that the Church would come up to the help of the institution in this way.

It is not for the Committee to say here, in what way precisely either of the measures proposed should be carried into actual effect. All that they design by this memorial, is simply to submit the matter, in the name of the Board they represent, to the consideration of this reverend Synod, not doubting that it will be disposed to do right, and trusting that it will be guided to such counsels and measures as the great interest here at stake may require.

J. W. NEVIN,
JOHN CESSNA,
J. W. KILLINGER.

The members of the committee present, the Rev. Dr. John W. Nevin, Hon. John S. Killinger and Hon. John Cessna, were severally heard. After a free interchange of opinion, the following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the whole subject be referred to a committee to propose a plan for meeting the wants of case

Before it was disposed of, however, it was laid on the table, to admit of taking up several other items of business.

The following annual report was received from the Board of Domestic Missions, and referred to the Committee on Missions:

The Thirty Sixth Annual Report of the Board of Domestic Missions of our Church, is made under most solemn circumstances. Intimately related as the Church in this country, through its members, stands to the State, it cannot escape the depressing influences of a National tribulation. Though formally separated from civil institutions, and theoretically independent of them, ecclesiastical life is so interwoven with our political life, that whatever seriously assails the latter must

more or less disturb the functions of the former. It is no wonder, therefore, that a year of violent political tumults and sanguinary intestine civil feuds, like the past, should be a year also of deep sorrow and of rare trial to the Church—a year of distractions, and of embarrassment to all benevolent operations. Humbled by the fearful, desolating judgments visited upon the nation for its sins; perplexed by alarming apprehension, lest our folly and impenitency, even under such visitations, should provoke the infliction of still greater woes; astonished by the display of a stubborn spirit of rebellion, which persists in its course with the vigor of despair; brought low by the personal sufferings and losses to which that rebellion has subjected us,—how could the proper work of the Church, in toiling for the spread of the kingdom of grace, be otherwise than hindered, and made to languish!

From these unhappy and deplorable circumstances, the cause of Home Missions has suffered in common with all other important religious interests. This will appear, not so much from any falling off in the receipts of the Board, as from the fact that those receipts have not far exceeded, as it was hoped they would, those of former years; not so much from any actual curtailment of our great work, as from our inability largely to extend it, in some due proportion to the demands of our ever widening field; not so much in any disheartening declension of religious interest, in our several missions, as in the absence of such a cheering increase of interest as was desirable, and as might have been realized under more auspicious circumstances.

At the commencement of the ecclesiastical year, which ends with this Synod, we started out with the hope that the pecuniary means of the Board might be nearly doubled—a most reasonable hope considering the number and ability of our membership. Instead of having this hope fulfilled, the Treasurer's account shows that $270,96 less was received during the present, than during the preceding year. Then we trusted we should be able to found a proportionately larger number of Missions, and greatly increase the efficiency of the Board; but now we must come with the painful confession, that we have not only been unable to search out new points of interest, and provide suitable occupants for them, but that we have been compelled to decline many important applications, from all parts of the field. And we have been forced to this, notwithstanding the relinquishment of several missions which became self-suppporting, the reduction of the annual appropriation to others, and the decrease of the entire number of our Missions from 32 to 26.

Gladly would we pass over such facts, or strive to exhibit them in such colorings as would soften the shadows of the picture. But *fidelity to ourselves, to* the Church, and above all

to Him whose chastising sword is smiting the Church through the State, demands a candid and unreserved delineation of our real condition. Why should we represent the garden as flourishing with unwonted beauty, when its hedges are broken down, and its glory is trodden under foot? Why should we say that the vintage is more abundant than ever, when portions of the vineyard are overrun with desolation, and the branches of its vines are yielding but scanty stunted clusters? To cheer ourselves with such deceitful consolations, could only serve to keep us from the keen sense of our affliction which the Lord designs us to feel, and from that deep humiliation and repentance to which His chastisements are ever intended to lead. Let the world, if it will, thus daub its broken walls with untempered mortar, and make light of the troubles sent upon it, —but let not the Church thus falsely soothe the hurt inflicted upon her, and sing a mirthful song of peace, peace, amidst the woful desolations of a time of war. The present lamentable state of the country is a heavy burden on the Church, a burden which is sadly palsying her moral energies, and seriously retarding her proper work. And the sooner and the more deeply this is felt, the sooner and the more deeply, and, therefore, also, the more effectually, will she prostrate herself in the dust, and so pray for the restoration of the peace of Jerusalem, that God will in mercy interpose, and for Zion's sake, put forth His arm, and save us.

OUR PRESENT MISSIONS.

We have now twenty-six missions under our care. These are distributed over parts of twelve States. Of this number six have been established during the past year, Middletown, Pa., Egg Harbor city, N. J., Boston, Mass., Kenton, O., Lafayette, O., and Watertown, Wis. Louisville Ky., has been revived, and new points have been invested by our Missionary in Iowa. Sketches of these new missions will be found in the following general summary. For an ecclesiastical census of our Missions, we refer to the Statistical table, appended to this Report. [See Appendix B.]

PENNSYLVANIA.

Although this State is the oldest settlement of our Church, it presents so many destitute points of interest, that we might readily expend the entire income of the Board upon them. But leaving the most of these to the solicitude and zeal of the Classes within whose limits especially they exist, we have assumed the charge of but six Missions in Pennsylvania, the aggregate appropriations to which during the year have not exceeded $400.

Bellefonte, Centre County—Commenced November 1st, 1859. Rev. D. G. Klein, Missionary. This Brother reports encouragingly, and but for expenses incurred by the erection of a par-

sonage, would have relinquished the aid received from the Board during the present year. Before we reach another anniversary it is hoped this Mission will have become self-supporting. Number of members, added during the year ——. **Appropriation $75. German and English.**

***New Holland, Lancaster County*—Rev. F. A. Gast, Missionary. Founded October 1st, 1860. Although at the commencement of the year this Brother found himself and his work confronted** by a fanatical proselytism which threatened the very existence of the Church in New Holland, the storm blew over, and the tempest subsided, without having done much harm. Indeed it seems rather to have had the happy effect of deepening the hold of his people on the great doctrines of the Gospel, and increasing their attachment to their Church, and its simple evangelical means of grace. Evils which menaced the life of the mission seem only to have stimulated that life to greater vigor. Difficulties, however, peculiar to the field, have prevented as rapid a growth of the congregation as was desired and hoped for. It possesses within itself but little material for regular increase, and in the community at large the spirit of skepticism and moral self-righteousness presents serious barriers to success. The condition and prospects of the field are nevertheless promising. The Sunday School is particularly prosperous. Language English. Members 100. Communicants 47. Added during the year 2. Collected $8,25. Appropriation **$100.**

Doylestown, Bucks County—Rev. W. R. Yearick, Missionary. **Begun December 1860. This Brother says in his last Report:** "Our prospects at present are truly encouraging. Never have they been as good as they are now. When I consider the many and great obstacles in our way, and then look at the present state of things in the congregation, I cannot but exclaim: The Lord hath done great things for us." A suitable edifice, however, is greatly needed, as the congregation is now worshipping in a rented hall. During the past year Brother Yearick has been called to pass through the sorest domestic afflictions, which could not fail to hinder him in his work. Still "one like unto the Son of man" has stood with him in the furnace, and he has not been consumed. Rather has he been enabled to glorify God in the fires, and, since the first crushing effect of his bereavements have passed away, to labor still more abundantly amidst his encompassing trials. The Sabbath School is flourishing, having increased from 13 to 80 members. Communicants 33. Added 8. Collected $31. Appropriation (conditionally) $200. German and English.

Hazleton, Luzerne County.—This field is still unoccupied. But we are in correspondence with the Rev. S. Gutelius, and hope that it will soon again be supplied.

Wilkesbarre, Luzerne County.—Rev. F. Strassner, Missionary. This has been a conditional mission, the Board consenting to make up a deficiency in the salary. Consequently it is not mentioned in the last annual Report. It was assumed, conditionally, in February 1859, and has received occasional help since then. Pressed by an old debt upon the Church building, the congregation in Wilkesbarre has had to struggle against great difficulties. At times the Brethren there have been tempted to despair. For a little while their sanctuary was closed by creditors. But in the face of these troubles the congregation has increased in numbers, 18 members having been added to it by certificate during the year. The charge embraces 4 congregations, 250 members, and 175 communicants. Added by certificate and confirmation 29. Appropriation this year, $50. German and English. East of Wilkesbarre there are several points which should be occupied at once, including especially Pittston and Scranton. With our present means, however, we cannot furnish them with missionary help.

Middletown, Dauphin County.—Assumed April 1862. Rev. G. Kurtzman. The prospects here are good, and it is probable that assistance will be needed but a short time. But for the civil troubles of the country, steps would have been taken for the erection of a Church. Now this work must be delayed. Brother Kurtzman is aided in his labors by two Professors of Franklin and Marshall College. The mission is both German and English. Appropriation $50.

NEW YORK.

As many of the larger cities and towns of this State contain a large number of Foreign Germans, our Missions within its limits should be multiplied. At present we have but two.

New York city.—Rev. J. F. Busche, Missionary. Assumed October 1852. This mission now rewards the interest taken in it by the Board, by reporting itself henceforth self-sustaining. Although it may seem to have taken a long time for it to reach this desirable result none could have been more anxious for it than the Pastor and congregation themselves. Our relations with this interesting mission have been uniformly so pleasant, that we sunder them with regret, even whilst rejoicing that our brethren have attained to such a measure of strength, as to feel encouraged, in reliance upon the favor of God, to venture upon their own support. May the Lord abundantly bless them, and make their Church flourish as a well-watered garden of His own special care. It is proper to add, here, that although the annual appropriation to this mission has been $200, a large portion of this amount has been regularly raised by the congregation itself, in the form of missionary collections. Members 185. Added 23. Collection $65. German.

Rochester.—Rev. T. Groeshüsch, Missionary. Commenced Oct. 1857. This mission had to encounter some difficultie during the early part of the year, arising from the application of Church discipline. Gradually, however, the excitement subsided, and the work there is prospering. Some internal improvements made to the church, render it a more convenient and attractive place of worship. Members 95 Unconfirmed youth 102. Added 16. Collection $21,89. German.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston and Roxbury.—Rev. Philip A. Schwartz. April 1862. After a personal examination of the field by an officer of the Board, it was felt to have claims upon our help. The Missionary reports that his brother, the Rev. L. B. Schwartz has consented to take charge of Roxbury, whilst he has directed his attention to German settlements on the Connecticut river. Thus far his efforts have been confined to Springfield, and Shelbourne Falls. He meets with much encouragement, but awaits the judgment of the Board in regard to his course. Appropriation $200.

NEW JERSEY,

Elizabeth City.—Rev. O. Lohr, Missionary. Begun June 1859. This mission embraces two congregations, and has been prosecuted with zeal and success. In summing up the operations of the year, the Brother occupying the field finds great reason for gratitude in being able to testify, that his labors have not been in vain. Often during the year was his heart cheered by tokens of the divine favor. Though his people, like those of many other brethren, have to struggle with comparative poverty, like others they rejoice in the riches of the grace of God. Members 137. Added 31.

Oxford Furnace, near Belvidere.—Rev. Geo. F. Jahnke, Missionary. Commenced Dec. 1860. This mission has enjoyed special tokens of Divine favor. Although established among a poor people, and in a community sadly abounding in impiety and immorality, the means of grace have, under the blessing of the Lord, wrought with good effect. Besides a manifest improvement in social morals, increased interest in religion has been shown, and the heart of our Brother has been greatly encouraged. Though he still finds reason to pray and labor for greater spiritual improvements, he reports a marked change for good in his entire field. To be less burdensome to the Board, and spare his people in their poverty as much as possible, he has sought to earn something by personal efforts, without, however, permitting these to interfere much with his pastoral duties. Members 190. Added 8. Coll. $5. Mixed.

Glassboro' about twenty miles south east from Philadelphia, chiefly settled by Germans, is in a measure under the care of

the Board, though without any present appropriation. It is the centre of what promises to be a thrifty pastoral charge. It is at present supplied by Licientiate R. R. Schmidt. As we hope that by proper effort this charge will be able to raise sufficient support, no appropriation has been made to it.

Egg Harbor City, about forty miles from Philadelphia, on the Camden and Atlantic Rail Road, again arrested our attention about eight months ago, as an inviting field for missionary efforts. The city and adjacent country, is a strictly foreign German settlement, founded by an association in the midst of what seemed almost a hopeless desert. By diligence and perseverance a town of 5,000 inhabitants has sprung up in a very few years, and hundreds of acres of land, previously lying waste, have been reduced to cultivation. A number of members and friends of our Church residing there were led, by the advice of the Rev. J. P Pfister, to apply to our Board for counsel and help in the establishment of a German Reformed Church among them. A very liberal offer of ground for a church edifice, parsonage and school house was made. After careful consideration the application was favored. Rev. J. P. Pfister was appointed missionary there, and the ground secured by deed, on what are deemed favorable conditions. Thus far we have reason to rejoice that a kind Providence opened this new field to our Church, and we think its future history will furnish still greater cause of thankfulness. The people of this field are still encumbered with debts incurred at their settlement, and must contend with the disadvantages of an uncultivated district. They are consequently unable adequately to support the gospel, and will need the fostering care of the Board for a year or two. But with such temporary help, they will rapidly increase in strength, under the blessing of God, and soon become an established and self-sustaining charge. The mission embraces, as far as ascertained, about a hundred families, many of which reside upon small farms in the vicinity of the city. It is too soon, of course, to be able to report definite statistics. It is an entirely German mission. Appropriation $250.

VIRGINIA.

Fortunately for us, in the present unhappy state of the country, we have but one mission in Virginia, that at Norfolk. In consequence of the existing national disturbances, our intercourse with this mission has been interrupted and unsatisfactory. The Rev. E. Böhringer, the missionary, is, however, still in Norfolk, apparently endeavoring to prosecute his work as well as possible under the circumstances. Being uncertain of the destination which any remittances of money in that direction might reach, the appropriation to Mr. Böhringer for this year has not been fully paid. In October 1861, he was in-

uced to move to Richmond; but he still continued to spend ne week monthly in Norfolk. In April, he attended the meeting of the Classis of North Carolina, in St. Paul's church, ear Salisbury, and was fraternally received. Appropriation $150.

MARYLAND.

The work of Home Missions in this State is carried on, as heretofore, under the immediate supervision of the Classis of Maryland. Of the three missions under the care of this Classis, wo became unhappily vacant about a year ago. Arrangements have been made, however, for the settlement of the Rev. G. Seibert at Hagerstown, the German congregation of that city having been united with the German congregation of Chambersburg, in the formation of a charge. No successor has yet been appointed to the Rev. P. A. Schwartz of Frederick. The German congregation there, consequently is dependent upon only occasional supplies.

Baltimore.—Fifth church, Rev. W. Ida, Missionary. Of this mission we have no report.

Cumberland.—This mission, under the care of Westmoreland Classis, is again vacant. We have no report of its present condition.

OHIO.

In this State our Board has seven missions, Toledo, Sandusky City, Cincinnati, Herring, Beaver Dam, and Kenton.

Toledo is the oldest of these, having been started May, 1855, by the Rev. H. Eschmeier, the present Missionary, on a basis previously laid by the Rev. H. J. Ruetenik. Various unavoidable difficulties springing up from time to time, have hindered its more successful progress, and greatly tried the faith of our Brother laboring there. The unfavorable location of the church, also, in a part of the city which has not improved as rapidly as was expected, has been a serious obstacle, especially as it was burdened with a heavy debt. Now, however, the prospect is brightening, and it is sincerely hoped that the field will soon become self-sustaining. Members 120. Added 6. German.

Sandusky City.—Rev. J. B. Kniest, Missionary. Founded Nov. 1858. Brother Kniest reports an encouraging progress in the spiritual state of his congregation, although there has been but little addition to its numerical strength. An increasing attendance, however, upon the means of grace, and growing interest in those means, cheer his heart amidst many otherwise discouraging facts. The mission will still need the fostering care of the Board for some time, but promises ultimately to reward such care. Members 69. Additions not reported. German.

Cincinnati.—Rev. S. Mease. Begun April 1856. This mis-

sion, commenced six years ago with but very few members, is still struggling earnestly and hopefully against many difficulties. In his last report the Missionary says: "The history of our mission during the past year must be expected to differ from that of any preceding year. The condition of the country has affected every interest and every locality, but bears very heavily upon a mission circumstanced and located like ours. Keeping this in mind, we have most abundant reasons to be thankful, that it is as well with us as it is." As the amount required for the erection of a suitable house of worship was secured by subscription during the early part of the year, measures were at once taken to collect the sums subscribed and go forward with the building. This good work, however, has been interrupted by the war, which threatened the city with an invasion by the forces of the enemy. The city has for sometime been under martial law, and all other operations have been necessarily suspended. These sad obstacles, it is hoped, will soon disappear, and the work of the mission be resumed with fresh vigor.

We regret to say that the growth of this mission has been exceedingly slow, owing to causes specified in preceding annual reports. But we believe that all that could be done to advance it more rapidly has been attempted, and we hope for much greater success, under the blessing of the Lord, in the future. It is not easy, in a city like Cincinnati, supplied with many large, flourishing and active churches, to build up an English enterprise under the auspices of a Denomination, which so long neglected its interests there, that but little opportunity remained. This mission has been allowed, moreover, like many others, to labor under the embarrassment of an uninviting house of worship, a most serious obstacle for a congregation surrounded by others much more comfortably provided for. At the same time it seems to be a plain duty, to put forth all the energies we can command, to make up, if possible, for past remissness. The importance to the Church, of a vigorous spiritual investment of such large and influential centres of social influence, and of assisting in the blessed work of the evangelization of the unconverted masses concentrated in them, cannot be too deeply felt. If the pecuniary cost of such a work, undertaken after so long a delay, does seem appalling, the fault rests with ourselves, and furnishes no just excuse for refusing to bear a burden permitted to become so heavy. Other Churches are paying as dearly as ours for similar oversights, and why should we shrink from an undeniable duty, simple because we have suffered it to become clogged with the weight of past neglect. Members 37. Added 8. Contributed $15. English. This mission is now entirely under the care of the Eastern Board.

Arnheim, Brown County,—Rev. C. Plüss, Missionary. Commissioned Oct. 1859. No rapid progress is reported of his mission, owing to the limited character of the field. The Brother who occupied it has been endeavoring faithfully to discharge his usual duties, however, in the hope that in due season the sowing of the seed will be followed by a cheering harvest. He has two congregations, and being without a horse meets the appointments at the more distant one by walking to it. Members 62. Added 7. Appropriation $80.

Beaver Dam, Allen County.—Rev. P. Greding, Missonary. Commenced Jan. 1861. This mission occupies part of the field previously under the care of Rev. J. Klingler. It embraces five congregations—four German and one French. The number of additions made to one of these (14) indicates spiritual prosperity. Encouraged by the divine blessing which has been attending his labors during the past year, Brother Greding is prosecuting his labors with hopeful zeal. The number of members is not reported. Added 14. Appropriation $50. German.

Salem Mission, Lafayette.—Rev. G. M. Albright, Missionary. This Brother was commissioned April 1, 1862. He occupies part of the Allen county field, preaching English. Enduring great self-denial, and encountering all the discouragements incidental to a long neglected field, he labors on in faith and hope. When he entered it, he found the few remaining members of the Church—those willing to acknowledge themselves such—sadly disheartened. In a short time, however, matters assumed a more cheering aspect. Besides Lafayette, he has established five other preaching places, including Johnstown, on the Pittsburg and Fort Wayne R. R. Appropriation $100. English.

Kenton, Hardin County.—Rev. W. Renter, Missionary. Commenced March 1, 1861. In this field the work of the Lord has been prospering during the past year, so that our Brother has been able to render his last reports with a glad and thankful heart. The mission embraces three congregations, to which seventeen members have been added during the past four months. Members 112. Added 17. German. Appropriation $100.

INDIANA.

Terre Haute.—Rev. H. Kortheuer. Commenced Jan. 1860. Though but a small flock, and struggling with what is a heavy debt for those possessing but very limited means, this mission seems to be enjoying a slow but steady growth, and evinces a spirit of true Christian faith and hope. Recently they have endeavored to supply a pressing want by erecting a small edifice for the use of a parochial school. Their debt, thus in-

creased to $890—they are endeavoring to pay off by monthly contributions. Members 50. Added 8. German. Appropriation $60.

Decatur, Adams County.—Rev. P. Vitz. This Brother and his charge, in view of the embarrassment of our Treasury, have resolved to decline further aid from the Board, and to endeavor to sustain themselves in dependence upon the blessing of God.

KENTUCKY.

Louisville.—Rev. M. Stern. As is well known our interests in Louisville were long in a languishing condition. Beset with peculiar difficulties, overtaken by threatening misfortunes, and often in peril of utter shipwreck, the most hopeful of us began to despair at times of ever seeing our Church in Louisville securely established. But as it still maintained connection with our Board, it continued our duty to do what we could to cheer our few and faithful brethren there, and aid them in getting a a suitable pastor. It was evident, however, that if the little that still remained there should be really strengthened, more vigorous and liberal aid must be afforded than had hitherto been given to that field, and that, if possible, the services of one of our most experienced and efficient brethren must be secured for it. Accordingly correspondence was opened with the Rev. M. Stern, of Gallion, Ohio. This Brother was at the time occupying an important and flourishing charge, and in the midst of the successful prosecution of his work. Naturally we were reluctant to disturb his pleasant pastoral relations, and hesitated to ask a brother so circumstanced to tear away from his charge, and assume the toils and trials of a discouraging field of labor. After a prayerful consideration of the whole subject, Brother Stern was appointed our missionary at Louisville, and consented to respond favorably to the appointment, and, putting his reliance upon the promises of the Lord, like Abraham of old, journey toward the South, to try the new mission imposed upon him. He entered upon his duties in Louisville in February of the present year, and found even greater causes of discouragement than had been anticipated. But few members were left, great prejudices against the Church had sprung up in the surrounding community—prejudices which some persons not friendly to our Church sought to embitter and spread—the church building was going to decay, and altogether of uninviting appearance. Despite these discouragements, Brother Stern began his labors, and was soon cheered with tokens of the divine favor. The public means of grace attracted increased attention, and the spirit of the members of his charge revived. Thus his own heart was cheered, and the prospects for the future brightened. In his second quarterly report, dated July 1, 1862, he mentions, as cheering facts

—that the congregation in Louisville is again united and encouraged, that the audiences on the regular Lord's day services continually increase, that they are gaining the previously impaired confidence of the community, and that the strength of the congregation is rapidly growing. This pleasing prospect was, unhappily, soon darkened by the shadows of war. Louisville, like Cincinnati, has for some time been in great danger of assault from the rebel army, and placed under martial law. The excitement and suspension of regular business attending such a state of things, sadly interfered with the labors of our Brother, and interrupted the prosperity of the congregation. It is hoped, however, that this evil will soon be removed, and that "the word of the Lord will have free course and be glorified."

Besides preaching in the old church, Brother Stern has also commenced services in the western part of the city, where a flourishing Sunday School of seventy children has been in operation, and he will probably succeed in organizing a congregation. In the vicinity of Louisville, also, embracing a circuit of ten or twenty miles, on the Indiana side of the river, as well as in Kentucky, there are many German settlements which invite attention and effort. Our missionary has visited these, and seeks to encourage them, with the hope that some provision may soon be made for their spiritual wants—but it is impossible for him to take full charge of them himself. Members 90. Added 27. Collected for benevolent objects, (including the rent for the Mission Sunday School), $94. German. Appropriation $250.

WISCONSIN.

Sheboygan.—Rev. J. T. Kluge. Commissioned Sept. 1858. During the past year the interests of this mission have been progressing encouragingly. It now numbers 95 adult members, of whom 20 were recently received, and the prospect is that it will soon become self-sustaining.

Sauk City.—Rev. H. A. Winter. Begun ——. In his annual retrospect and summary, this Brother says: We find abundant reason to be grateful to our Lord for what He has done for us. He has crowned our labors with success. Our regular services are well attended. Unbelievers have been convinced and won over to the truth. A bright day seems to be dawning upon us. During the past year a new church edifice has been built, and is nearly completed. This done, they hope, under God's blessing, for rapid growth. He has two congregations, that in the city, and one some distance in the country. Members 96. Added 4. Appropriation $150. German.

IOWA.

Central City.—Rev. J. Riale. During the past year the Classis of Iowa divided the charge of this Brother, so that he removed from Lisbon to Central City, preaching at Boulder and Brandon. It is a large and important field—too large for a single missionary to cultivate satisfactorily. But Brother Riale labors on in hope, anxiously expecting speedy reinforcements. In order to have his residence still more central for the field, Brother Riale intends removing shortly to Independence, the court-seat of Buchanan county, where he thinks he may succeed in gathering a congregation. At Brandon they have been engaged in erecting a church-building, which is now so nearly completed, that they expect to be able to occupy it this winter. It will be remembered that Brother Riale is rather laboring as a *pioneer* missionary, seeking to gather and organize congregations in the far West, and then give them over to the care of regular pastors. In this view his efforts have so far been successful. Year after year he is pressing still further out, and gaining new ground. If it were in our power to furnish him with two or three assistants, he could prosecute his work much more efficiently, and more speedily extend the borders of our Church in that new and important field. He reports 59 members, 7 additions, and 2 Sunday Schools. English. Appropriation $200.

MICHIGAN.

Detroit.—Rev. C. Cast. No field was ever occupied by the Board which gave greater encouragement in a short time, than this, since Brother Cast has had charge of it. When he entered it in the Fall of 1860, the congregation was virtually prostrate. Soon, however, signs of resuscitation appeared, and now it is again erect and flourishing. During the past year they have improved and beautified their church edifice, established a parochial school, and put up a house suitable for the school. Although, therefore, they will need assistance for another year or two, the missionary and his people feel so much encouraged by proofs of the divine favor, that a reduction of $100, from the original appropriation was cheerfully assented to. The re-opening of their improved church was an occasion of great religious festivity. The congregation has increased to 125 communicants. Added during the year 56. German. Appropriation $300.

Next to this general survey of our field, we direct attention to the following facts:

This report does not exhibit the entire missionary activity of our Church East, but only the operations of the main Board. In addition to the missions of this Board, St. Paul's and some other Classes, have missions under their own imme-

diate care, which are said to be in a flourishing condition. This, we are happy to learn, is especially the case with those within the bounds of St. Paul's Classis.

During the past year the appropriations to several of our older missions have been somewhat reduced. We have in this way endeavored to husband our limited resources, and secure the means of meeting new applications.

For the receipts of the year, and the state of our finances we refer to the Treasurer's Report. [Appendix A.] Attention is particularly asked to the fact, which an examination of the items will show, that no small amount of the money passing through the Treasurer's hands, is specifically appropriated by the donors, and consequently has not been available for our proper work. Whilst in this way the summing up of the figures of the Account is swollen, it produces a deceptive impression, of which the effect cannot be salutary. We respectfully suggest to Synod the propriety of taking some note of this fact.

The actual resources of the Board for the past year have been diminished by the suspension of the Southern Aid Society, which has, for some time, been appropriating $200 annunually to our operations.

No bequests to the Board have been realized during the past year. This, too, has curtailed our means. In accordance with previous instructions double missions have been relinquished, those holding relations to both the Western and Eastern Boards, having been wholly assumed by the one or the other Board. Hereafter, therefore, Cincinnati will be entirely under the care of the Eastern Board, at the original appropriation of $500. In lieu of the additional pecuniary obligation thus assumed by our Board, the Western Board assumes the entire support of Terre Haute, and has also consented to the transfer of Kenton and Lafayette. This arrangement will simplify our labors in regard to the missions concerned.

The Treasurer's report will exhibit another fact meriting serious attention. Our receipts are always considerably in arrears of our necessary expenses. The average of the deficiency during the whole year, is about $400. Properly this amount should be borrowed. But this would subject us to the payment of interest—which we are quite too poor to do. There is a better way of remedying the evil. Instead of delaying collections for Home Missions to the close, or nearly the close of the year, let them be promptly taken up at an earlier season. This would cause no inconvenience and would greatly relieve the Treasury. It is with regret we have to report, that the debt incurred by the Life Membership Certificate still encumbers us. Why could not the amount still owed on this account

be at once raised by a special subscription, and the obligation be thus cancelled? The liabilities of the Board for appropriations made for the coming year are $3505. Although this exceeds considerably the receipts of the Board for the past year, there will be no difficulty in realizing a much larger amount—if only all our pastors and churches will endeavor faithfully to do their duty.

The survey which has now been hastily taken, of the operations of our Board for the past year, whilst it must prompt emotions of gratitude, cannot fail, also, to oppress us with a feeling of sadness. So vast a field—a field so ripe for the harvest—pleading for laborers—and yet but so partially occupied! Oh! brethren, when shall our Church shake off its sleep, arouse from its lethargy, and take hold, with proper energy, of the work of the Lord? The missions we have sketched, give but a faint idea of the extent of the work. They are green spots sparsely scattered in a vast uncultivated waste. In Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois, Wisconsin, Kansas, Iowa, all over the West, the Lord is showing us what to do—whither we should turn our eyes and our hearts. But alas! what can we do with $3000! And yet what is to be done must be done quickly. Then let us pray to the Lord to revive His work, in our own hearts and congregations, that a spirit of missions may be awakened among us, which shall constrain us to make some efforts and sacrifices commensurate with our duty and our opportunities. But this good work must of course begin with us who are members of this Board and Synod. We are chosen from different parts of the Church, in order that we may keep up and spread a proper interest in our great work. If we are callous, we cannot expect the Classes and Churches we represent to be cordial in their co-operation and support. Let us, therefore, be careful to keep up in our hearts the liveliest sympathy with the cause entrusted to our care. Let us carry with us, wherever we go, a glowing zeal for the spread of the Redeemer's kingdom, and for the speedy supply of our numerous spiritual destitutions. Then may we expect to see a corresponding flame kindled throughout the Church, and the love of the Lord Jesus Christ so constraining the hearts of our members, that they will cheerfully supply all the pecuniary means needed to carry on our great work, and continually offer up their fervent prayers to the Chief Shepherd, that he may abundantly bless our efforts to gather the scattered and lost sheep of the house of Israel into the green pastures of His grace and the fold of His salvation.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. A. BOMBERGER, *President.*

STATISTICAL TABLE

Of the Board of Domestic Missions. [B.]

MISSIONARIES.	LOCATION.	No. of Congreg'ns.	Members,	Additions,	Sabbath Schools,	Contributions,	Appropriation,	Founded,	Language,
	PENNSYLV'NIA.								
D. G. Klein,	Bellefonte,						$75.00	Nov 1, 1859.	Mixed.
F. A. Gast,	New Holland,	2	100	4	1	$ 8.25	100.00	Oct. 1, 1860.	English.
W. R. Yearick,	Doylestown,	1	33	8	1	31.00	200.00	Dec. 1860.	Mixed.
Vacant,	Hazleton,								
F. A. Strassner,	Wilkesbarre,	4	175	29			50.00	Feb. 1859.	Mixed.
Geo. Kurtzman,	Middletown,	1					50.00	Apr. 1862.	"
———	Schuylkill Haven	1					100.00	Apr. "	English.
	NEW YORK.								
J. F. Busche,	N. Y. City,	1	185	23	1	65.00	200.00	1852.	German.
T. Grosshusch,	Rochester,	1	95	16	2	22.00	200.00	Oct. 1857.	"
	MASSACHUS'TS.								
P. A. Schwartz,	Roxboro',	1					200.00	Apr. 1862.	German.
	NEW JERSEY,								
O. Lohr,	Elizabeth City,	4		31	3	8.80	100.00	June 1859.	German.
G. F. Jahnke,	Oxford Furnace,	1	100	8		5.00	200.00	Dec. 1860.	German.
J. P. Pfister,	Egg Harbor City,	1					250.00	Apr. 1862.	German.
R. R. Schmidt,	Glassboro',						50,00	Oct. 1862.	German.
	VIRGINIA.								
E. Bohringer,	Norf'k & Richm'd	2					200.00	Aug. 1859.	German.
	MARYLAND.								
W. Ida,	Baltimore, 5th ch.								German.
G. Seibert,	Hagerstown,								German.
———	Cumberland,								
	OHIO.								
H. Eschmeier,	Toledo,	1	120	6	1		100.00	May 1855.	German.
J. B. Kniest,	Sandusky City,	1	69				150.00	Nov. 1858.	German.
S. Mease,	Cincinnati	1	37	8	1	15.00	500.00	Apr. 1856.	English.
C. Pluess,	Arnheim,	2	62	7			80.00	Oct. 1859.	German.
P. Greding,	Beaver Dam,	5		14		6.48	50.00	Jan. 1861.	German.
G. M. Albright,	Lafayette,	6					100.00	Apr. 1862.	English.
W. Renter,	Kenton,	3	112	17			100.00	Mar. 1, 1861.	German.
	INDIANA.								
H. Kortheuer,	Terre Haute,	1	50	8		5.00	60.00	Jan. 1, 1860.	German.
	KENTUCKY.								
M. Stern,	Louisville,	1	90	27	2		250.00	Oct. 1854, re-v'd Feb. '62.	German.
	WISCONSIN.								
J. T. Kluge,	Sheboygan,		95						German.
H. A. Winter,	Sauk City,		96	4			100.00		German.
	IOWA.								
J. Riale,	Independence,	2	59	7	2		200.00	Jan. 1, 1859.	English.
	MICHIGAN.								
C. Cast,	Detroit,	1	125	56	1		300.00		German.

TREASURER'S REPORT. [A.]

The Board of Domestic Missions of the German Reformed Church, in account with CHARLES SANTEE, *Treasurer.*

1861.		CR.	
Sep.	28	By balance in Treasury,	$80,04
		Cash from the Home Missionary Society of St. Paul's Ger. Ref. Church, Lancaster, Pa., per Mr. H. S. Zink,	10,00
		" Rev. N. E. Bressler, Fisherville, Pa.,	6,00
		" H. W. Hoffmeier, Lancaster, Pa., quarterly contribution,	1,00
		" Rev. Willam A. Helfrich, Fogelsville, Pa.,	28,15
Oct.	16	" Rev. L. K. Derr, from St. John's Ger. Ref. Missionary and Beneficial Society, Tamaqua, Schuylkill county, Pa.,	15,00
		" Rev. I. K. Loos, Richmond, Pa., part of Harvest collections in charge,	8,00
		" Rev. C. F. Hoffmeier, collected in Friend's Cove charge, pledge at Classis.	15,00
		" Rev. J. D. Zehring, Bernville, Pa., from J. Nunnemacher,	1,00
		" Rev. F. W. Kremer, from Rev. Jacob Kline, collected in his charge,	13,00
Nov.	6	" Rev. J. H. Wagner, Hagerstown, Md.,	10,00
	9	" " J. V. Eckert, per Rev. Isaac Gerhart, collected in his charge,	9,00
	13	" Rev. I. K. Loos, Richmond, Pa., part of fall collections in his charge,	20,00
		" Rev. Jacob Ziegler, from Jacob Lower, Arendtsville, Pa.,	25,00
	20	" Rev. William M. Dietrich, collected in Bethel Ger. Ref. congregation, Clear Ridge, Pa.,	3,76
		" Per John Rodenmayer, Sup't of Maryland Classis, from Rev. J. H. Wagner, Hagerstown, $20,00; Mr. Daniel Keafauver, Middletown, Md., $22,00, and Rev. H. I. Comfort, Mechanicstown, Md., $10,00,	52,00
	25	" Rev. John Beck, Easton, Pa., contributed by members of his congregation,	36,00
		" Rev. D. Y. Heisler, collected at Bath, Pa.,	7,40
		" " H. Mosser, " in Landisburg cong.,	5,00
	26	" " Groshüsch, " in his congregation,	5,75
Dec.	6	" Miss Mary Berger, per Rev. Dr. Bomberger,	5,00
	9	" Dividend on 25 Shares York Bank, per Rev. J. O. Miller,	18,75
	12	" Juvenile Missionary Society of Ger. Ref. Zion's congregation, Phil'a., per Rev. N. Gehr, to constitute Lewis Böttger a Life Member,	30,00
	18	" Rev. J. E. Hiester, per Rev. F. W. Kremer, collected in Campbellstown congregation,	7,10
	19	" John Wiest, Treasurer Ger. Ref. church, Race st, Phil'a, on the Systematic Benevolence plan,	50,00
	26	" Rev. J. Rebaugh, collected at Clearspring, Md.,	6,25
		" Rev. Dr. Schneck, collected in St. John's Ger. Ref. church, Chambersburg,	6,52
		Carried forward,	$474,72

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1882.		Amount brought forward,	$474
Jan.	3	Cash from Henry Colliflower, per Rev. Jos. W. Santee, Cavetown, Md.,	
	8	" Limerick church Missionary Society, per Samuel Brandt, Treasurer,	8,0
	13	" Rev. J. G. Wiehle, collected in the Salem's cong., Philadelphia,	50,0
		" Philip Becker, per Rev. P. Vitz,	8,0
	18	" John Wiest, Treasurer Ger. Ref. Church, Race st., Phil'a., collections,	10,00
		" Sab. School First Ger. Ref. church, Lancaster, Pa., per Rev. A. H. Kremer, $30,00; collected in congregation, $10,25	40,25
	20	" Rev. O. Lohr, Elizabeth, N. J., collected in cong.,	2,50
		" " N. Gehr, balance in his hands from the former Treasurer,	5,00
		" Rev. A. Shroeder, Bridgeport, Conn., col. in his congregation, $4,00; from Mrs. M., $1,00	5,00
	21	" Rev. J. H. Wagner, Hagerstown, Md.,	3,00
	28	" John Wiest, Treasurer Ger. Ref. church, Race st., Phil'a., on the Systematic Benevolence plan.	40,00
	29	" Loysville Miss. Society, per Rev. H. Mosser,	18,32
		" per Rev. H. Mosser, from a boy six years old,	1,00
		" " F. W. Kremer, from Rev. J. E. Hiester, collected in Palmyra cong,	4,34
Feb.	6	" per Joseph Weiss, Treasurer, from the Ger. Ref. cong., Allentown, Pa., Rev. J. H. Derr to constitute Mrs. Sarah Schantz a Life Member,	30,00
	7	" per Rev. John Beck, from the Ger. Ref. Sabbath School, Easton, Pa.,	44,00
		" Rev. M. A. Smith, Hummelstown, Pa., collected in his charge,	16,00
	18	" Missionary Society of Rev. W. K Zieber's charge, Hanover, Pa., per Henry Wirt, Treasurer,	76,48
		" Rev. L. K. Derr, Tamaqua, Pa.,	11,00
		" " H. W. Super, pledge at Classis from Waynesboro' charge, per Geo. Besore,	25,00
	26	" Rev. J. E. Hiester, Sab. School at Annville, Pa., per Rev. F. W. Kremer,	7,25
		" First Ger. Ref. church, Chamb'g., per B. Wolff,	21,45
		" Mr. John Lerch, Bethlehem, Pa,	50,00
'ar.	1	" Rev. F. Grosshusch, collected in his charge,	9,19
		" " C. Plüss, " "	8,00
		" " F. A. Gast, " "	9,87
		" " G. F. Jahnke, " "	5,00
		" " I. K, Loos, collected in his charge and paid to Rev. G. F. Jahnke,	72,90
	6	" Rev. G. E. Addams, Carlisle, Pa., col. in the Sulphur Spring charge,	12,36
	11	" Rev. T. C. Leinbach, col. in Bernville, Pa.,	6,12
	17	" per Rev. J. G. Wiehle from the Miss. Society of Salem's Ger. Ref. Church, Phil'a,	10,00
	19	" Miss Annie E. Cook, per Rev. T. G. Apple, Greencastle, Pa., pledge at Classis,	5,00
	20	" per J. Rodenmayer, Sup't of Maryland Classis, from Rev. W. E. Krebs, Emmittsburg,	12,75

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1862.		Amount brought over,	$1,101,68
Mar. 20	Cash	per J. Rodenmayer, Sup't of Maryland Classis, from Rev. W. F. Colliflower, Jefferson, $10,00; from Rev. J. G. Fritchey, Taneytown, $15,00; from Rev. J. W. Santee, Cavetown, $25,00; from Rev. J. S. Foulk, 3d Ger. Ref. church, Balt., $14,40; from D. Keafauver, Middletown, balance $0,35,	64,75
22	"	Rev. J. G. Wiehle, borrowed at 60 days, from Salem's Ger. Ref. congregation, Phil'a.,	112,00
25	"	Rev. Daniel Hertz, Lancaster co., Pa., col. in his charge,	20,00
26	"	per Rev. S. H. Giesy, Christ Evan. Ref. church, Phil'a., from Mrs. Frances E. Koons,	10,00
	"	per Rev. J. Beck, Easton, from Rev. A. J. Herman,	7,00
Apr. 2	"	from Rev. P. Schaff, D. D., Mercersburg,	5,00
9	"	per Rev. F. W. Kremer, from Infant S. S. and Monthly concert col., 1st Ref. church, Lebanon,	88,50
15	"	Zion's Ger. Ref. cong., Phil'a, per Rev. N. Gehr,	80,00
19	"	Rev. J. Sechler, col. in Littlestown charge,	80,00
	"	" H. Eschmeier, Toledo, Ohio,	5,00
28	"	per F. W. Kremer, Tr. Leb. Classis, from Rev. T. C. Leinbach, col. in North Heidelberg, $4,50; Reamstown, $2,00; Swamp cong., $1,16,	7,66
	"	Rev. D. F. Brendle, Bethlehem,	3,00
	"	" T. H. Leinbach, Meyerstown, Pa., per Rev. F. W. Kremer,	10,00
	"	per Rev. F. W. Kremer, from Mrs. M. A. Greena-Greenawalt, Tr. of Fe. Benev. Society, Lebanon,	30,00
25	"	per Rev. J. G. Wiehle, from the S. S. of Salem's Ger. Ref. cong., Phil'a., to constitute Mr. Philip Heppe a Life Member,	30,00
26	"	Rev. D. Y. Heisler, Bethlehem, col. at Hecktown communion,	12,24
30	"	Rev. J. V. Eckert, col. in Conestoga Centre cong.,	3,15
May 2	"	" T. P. Bucher, col. in Gettysburg charge, per Hon. J. B. Danner,	10,00
6	"	Rev. D. Gring, per Rev. J. O. Miller, York, to constitute Mr. J. Nace a Life Member,	30,00
7	"	Rev. I. Miese, per Rev. F. W. Kremer,	17,00
	"	" J. Kehm, East Berlin, Pa.,	20,00
	"	" J. O. Miller, York, col. in his con., in aid of Trinity Chapel,	50,00
14	"	Rev. J. V. Eckert, col. in Zion's cong., New Prov.,	5,00
	"	" J. Rebaugh, from a mem. of St. Paul's cong., Washington co., Md.,	5,00
		Rev. S. R. Fisher, D. D., Chambersburg, Pa.,	5,00
16	"	" D. G. Klein, Bellefonte, Pa., col. in his charge, bal. to make Mrs. M. P. Klein, a L. M., $0,50; same towards making Elder H. Stichler a L. M., $4,25; same on acc't of a L. M., Domestic Miss. Society, $5,00,	18,75
21	"	Rev. I. Miese, per Rev. F. W. Kremer,	12,00
	"	per Rev. F. W. Kremer, from Mr. J. Heilman, Tr. of the Hill church Miss. Society, Lebanon, am't of pledge towards the erec. of 3d Ger. Ref. church, Cincinnati, O.,	25,00
		Carried forward,	$1,718,48

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May	28	Cash	Rev. A. H. Kremer, 1st Ger. Ref. church, Lancaster, col. in his cong.,	10,00
		"	Rev. T. Fouse, Woodcock Valley charge,	10,00
		"	" Jacob Hassler, Martinsburg, "	5,00
		"	" J. Rebaugh, Middleburg, "	10,00
		"	" H. Heckerman, Pledge of the Bedford charge at Synod to make Wm Stahl a L. M.,	30,00
		"	Rev. H. Heckerman, col. at meeting of Mercersb'g Classis,	18,88
	31	"	Rev. S. Kuhn, Bloomfield, col. in his charge,	20,00
June	2	"	Miss. Society of Bethlehem cong., Phil'a , per Rev. J. G. Neuber,	15,00
		"	per Mr. S. Buck, Tr. of the Benev. Society, of the Jacobs' cong., Berrysburg charge,	5,00
	3	"	Dividend of Mrs. Spangler's legacy of the English cong., per Rev. J. O. Miller, York,	25,00
		"	per Rev. D. Gring, col. at the meeting of Zion's Classis, at Shrewsbury, per Rev. J. O Miller,	15,
		"	Rev. D. Gring, Shrewsbury, col. in his charge,	5,
	4	"	Rev. O Lohr, Elizabeth, N. J ,	2,
		"	" I. K. Loos, comunion col. at Flicksville, Pa., $3,30; Upper Mt. Bethel, $26,70, first Pledge at Synod,	30,00
		"	Rev. T. G. Apple, Greencastle, col in his charge,	53,00
	7	"	Ger. Ref. cong, Race st., Phil'a., on the Systematic Benev. plan, per J. Wiest, Tr ,	100,00
	9	"	Rev. M. Stern, Louisville, Ky.,	7,34
	11	"	per Rev. J. Beck, Tr. of East Pa Classis, from Rev. G. B. Dechant, col. in Hamilton charge, $19,00; Rev E W. Reinecke, col. Plainfield cong., $9,00,	28,00
	18	"	Mr. T. Worman, per Rev. Geo. W. Aughinbaugh, Rieglesville, Pa..	5,00
		"	Rev. D. F. Brendle, Bethlehem,	68
		"	" F. W. Kremer, Tr. Leb. Classis, from Rev. H. Wagner, $8,00; Rev. A. S. Leinbach, 1st Ger. Ref. church, Reading, $30,00; Rev. A. L. Herman $3,00; Miss Maggie Ermentrout, Treasurer of Cedar Hill S. S , Bern, Pa., $3,00,	44,00
		"	per J. A. Mertz, Tr. of Wesst Susq. Classis, from Rev. A. G. Dole, Union cong., $2,08; from St. Peter's cong., Nippenose Valley, to make Rev. H. Wiegand a L. M., $30,00,	32,08
		"	Rev. W. H. Groh, Boalsburg charge, to constitute Mrs. Eliza S. Weisz a L. M.	30,00
		"	Rev. D. G. Klein, Bellefonte charge, redemption of Pledge on acc't of L. M.,	5,00
		"	Rev. J. C. Bucher, on acc't of Pledge,	2,00
		"	Rev. A. G. Dole, Union cong.,	2,00
		"	D. G. Klien, Bellefonte charge, towards constitututing Mrs. D. G. Klein a L. M.,	5,00
		"	Rev. C. H. Leinbach, Lewisburg, Pa., towards constituting Rev. J. Zellers a L. M.,	3,88
		"	Rev. D. G. Klein, Bellefonte, towards constituting Mrs. D. G. Klein a L. M.,	5,00
		"	Rev. W. H. Groh, Boalsburg charge, in part to constitute Elder G. Meyer a L. M.,	15,00
			Carried over,	$2,251,74

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1862.		Amount brought over,	$2,511,71
June 18	Cash	per Rev. Wiegand, White Deer charge,	5,00
	"	Rev. L. C. Edmonds St. Paul's cong., towards constituting Elder J. Jordan a L. M.,	8,24
	"	Rev. L. C. Edmonds, Aaronsburg charge, towards constituting Elder J. Jordan a L. M.,	3,26
	"	Rev. G.W. M. Schultz, Adamsburg charge,	10,00
	"	" D. G. Klein, Bellefonte charge, towards constituting Mrs. M. P. Klein a L. M.,	5,50
	"	Rev. A. G. Dole, Union cong.,	3,00
	"	" " D. S. Tobias, Rebersburg charge, to constitute Mrs. Tobias a L M.,	30,00
	"	Rev. C. H. Leinbach, from Mite Society of Ger. Ref. Cong., Lewisburg, to con. Rev. J. Zellers L.M.,	11,00
	"	Rev. C. H. Lienbach, Lewisburg cong., towards constituting Rev. J. Zellers a L. M.,	5,56
	"	Rev. W. H. Groh, Boalsburg charge, bal. to constitute Elder G. Meyer a L. M.,	15,00
	"	John Keller, Sr.,	10,00
	"	Rev. W. H. Groh, Boalsburg charge,	5,00
	"	" D. S. Tobias, Rebersburg,	4,00
	"	" F. J. Mohr, Williamsport, old Pledge,	5,00
	"	" " " new "	8,03
	"	" I. S. Weisz, Mifflinburg charge, to constitute Elder C. Hoffer a L. M.,	30,00
	"	Rev. I. S. Weisz, Liverpool charge,	2,00
25	"	" Rev. J. Rebaugh, col. in St. Paul's church,	10,00
	"	" I. K. Loos, col. in Lower Mt. Bethel cong.,	10,00
	"	Elder G. S. Griffith, 1st Ger. Ref. church, Baltimore, to make a L. M.,	30,00
27	"	Rev. A. S. Shroeder, Bridgeport, Conn., $1, and from G. M., $4,00	5,00
	"	Rev. A. B. Shenkel, per Rev. S. H. Giesy, col. in the Trappe charge,	72,45
July 2	"	Rev. G. R. Zacharias, from the Upper Strasburg Union S. S. for Missions in the West,	2,50
7	"	Rev. P. Vitz, Huntingdon, Ind., $0,50, and from Rev. W. Wasnick, $5,50	6,00
	"	" J. G. Neuber, col. in Bethlehem cong., Glassboro', N. J.,	2,32
9	"	per Rev. J. Ault, from a young lady, Loudon congregation,	5,00
23	"	from a member of the church at Freeburg, Pa.,	2,50
	"	Rev. J. D. Zehring, Bernville, per Rev. F. W. Kremer,	15,00
Aug. 6	"	per Rev. A. H. Kremer, from a lady mem. church,	5,00
13	"	St. Paul's Ger. Ref. church, Quarryvilte, Pa., per G. W. Hensel, Tr.,	20,66
19	"	Limerick church Miss. Society, Pa., per Sam'l M. Brandt, Tr.,	10,00
20	"	Rev. F. W. Kremer, Lebanon, Pa., col. in the Hill church,	3.12
21	"	Rev. D. G. Klein, Bellefonte, col. in his charge,	18,75
27	"	" G. E. Adams, col. in Sulphur Spring cong., $6, and St. Peter's, $3,	9,00
	"	Rev. J. E. Hiester, col. in Annville cong.,	6,00
		Carried forward,	$2,645,63

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	Amount brought forward,	$2,645,63
Cash	per Rev. D. Weiser & Son, col. in Great Swamp and Goshenhoppen cong., Pa.,	50,00
"	Rev. I. K. Loos, Richmond, Pa., part of Har. col.,	20,00
"	" J. Beck, Easton, from male members of his cong.,	40,00
"	Rev. J. W. Hoffmeier, col. in Millersville charge,	20,00
"	" J. S. Dubs, Harvest col. in Egypt church, $19,51 ; Jordan $10,30; Cedar Creek $5,07; Union church $29,00; a friend $0,12—of which am't $50,00 is to redeem pledge to Mission church, Cincinnati, Rev. S. Mease,	64,00
"	per Mr. Welshans, Sr., Nippenose, Pa.,	1,00
"	Rev. D. F. Brendle, part of Harvest col. in charge, in full bal. L. M. for self,	18,37
"	Rev. J. Sechler, Littlestown, col. in charge,	13,00
"	" N. S. Strassburger, Pottstown, col. in congs.,	24,00
"	Goshenhoppen Classis, per Rev. N. S. Strassburger, col. at annual meeting, by receipt,	16,73
"	Rev. J. D. Zehring, per Rev. F. W. Kremer, col. in Host's, Christ's, and St. Michael's congregations, for Rev. J. Riale, Lima co. Iowa Mission, and of which $11 are to complete the L. M., of Mrs. Rose Houck, Lebanon, Pa.,	22,00
"	Rev. J. E. Heister, per Rev. F. W. Kremer, col. in his charge,	11,50
"	Rev. T. H. Leinbach, per Rev. F. W. Kremer, col. in St. Paul's church,	8,68
"	Rev. H. Wagner, Orwigsburg, per Rev. F. W. Kre-Kremer, Harvest col.	4,00
"	Rev. M. Stern, Louisville, Ky., col. in his charge,	12 26
"	" G. M. Albright, LaFayette, O., col. in charge,	8,15
"	" F. A. Gast New Holland, "	2,58
"	" F. Grosshusch, Rochester, N.Y., "	6,73
"	" O. Lohr, Elizabeth, N J., "	9,60
"	" J. F. Busche, New York, col. in his charge to constitute Matilda Gumnand a L. M.,	30,00
"	Rev. J. T. Kluge, Sheboygan, Wis.,	2,00
"	per Rev. F. W. Kremer from Rev. J. Kline, Schuylkill Haven, $18; Rev. T. H. Leinbach $9,	27,00
"	Rev. D. Bossler, York, col. in his charge,	12,00
"	" D. Rothrock, Bucksville, Harvest col. in his charge—Durham $11,55; Tinicum $7; Nockamixon $5,02; Red Hill $6,71; William's $3,08, Rev. D. R. $0.64,	34,00
"	Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., col. in a Miss. tour in the West for the Western Board of D. M.,	20,17
"	Rev. Sam'l Hess, Hellertown, col. in his charge, $40,07—$30 of which is for the benefit of the English Mission church, Cin., O., Rev. S. Mease,	40,07
"	Rev. J. Henry Dubs, from Miss. Society of Zion's church, Allentown, including Harvest col., $48,65, col. in South White Hall and Morgenland $11,35—$50 of which is to redeem Pledge to Mission church, Cin., O., Rev. S. Mease,	60,00
"	Rev. Samuel Gutelius, collected in Hazleton charge,	6,83
	Carried over,	$3,220,30

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1862.			Amount brought over,	$3,220,30
Oct.	10	Cash	per Rev. A. H. Kremer, Lancaster, from the 1st Ger. Ref. S. S. to const. Mrs. A. H. Kremer L. M.,	30,00
		"	Ger. Ref. church, Race st., Phil'a., on the Systematic Benev. plan, per Mr. J. Weist, Tr.,	128,00
		"	Ger. Ref. church, Race st., Phil'a., church col. per Mr. J. Weist, Tr.,	13,23
	11	"	Rev. W. T. Gerhard, Lancaster, col. in his charge,	10,00
		"	per Rev. N. Gehr, from the Juvenile Miss. Society of Ger. Ref. Zion's cong., Phila.,	30,00
	16	"	per Rev. W. R. Yearick, from Rev. P. S. Fisher, col. in charge in redemp. of Pledge given at Synod,	30,00
		"	from J. Rodenmayer, Sup't of Benev. funds in Md. Classis, col. by Rev. J. G. Fritchey in Taneytown,	30,00
		"	per W. A. Becker, from Rev. J. Gantenbein, col. in charge,	28,13
	17	"	per Rev. L. D. Leberman from Rev. N. S. Callender,	30,00
		"	Rev. S. R. Fisher, from Rev. A. S. Vaughan, Ship'g.	25,00
		"	" Rev. J. Naille, Elizabethtown,	5,00
		"	" Rev. C. H. Hoffmeier, McConnelst'n,	5,00
	17	"	Balance due the Treasurer,	100,99
				$3,685,65

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Nov.	2	To Cash paid Rev.	H. A. Winter, Sauk city, Wis.,	$50,00
	4	" " "	Samuel Mease, Cin., Ohio,	75,00
		" " "	J. Riale, Linn Co., Iowa,	50,00
	12	" " "	John B. Poerner, Md.,	25,00
		" " "	" " "	10,00
		" " "	P. A. Swartz, "	17,00
	26	" " "	T. Grosshusch, Rochester, N. Y.	50,00
		" " "	C. Cast, Detroit, Mich.,	100,00
		" " "	C. W. Seaman, Cedarville, Ills.,	50,00
		" " "	J. B. Kniest, Sandusky, Ohio,	37,50
		" " "	D. G. Klein, Bellefonte, Pa.,	18,75
		" " "	J. T. Kluge, Sheboygan, Wis.,	37,50
1862.		" " "	J. Klingler, Allen Co., Ohio,	25,00
Jan.	10	" " "	C. Plüss, Arnheim, Ohio,	25,00
		" " "	W. R. Yearick, Line Lexington, Pa.,	13,00
		" " "	P. A. Schwartz, Boston, Mass.,	25,00
	18	" " "	W. Renter, Kenton, Ohio,	50,00
		" " "	H. Eschmeier, Toledo, Ohio,	37,50
		" " "	Dr. Bomberger, expense to Boston,	18,25
	20	" " "	O. Lohr, Elizabeth, N. J.,	50,00
	25	" " "	H. C. Heyser, Richfield, Pa.,	50,00
Mar.	1	" " "	T. Grosshusch, Rochester, N. Y.,	50,00
		" " "	J. Riale, Central city, Iowa,	50,00
		" " "	J. T. Kluge, Sheboygan, Wis.,	25,00
		" " "	C. Plüss, Arnheim, Ohio,	25,00
		" " "	F. A. Gast, New Holland, Pa.,	50,00
		" " "	H. Kortheuer, Terre Haute, Ind.,	15,00
		" " "	Geo. F. Janke, Oxford Furnace, N. J.,	100,00
		" " "	S. Mease, Cin., Ohio,	75,00
	12	" " "	John B. Poerner, Md.,	77,50
			Carried forward,	$,282,00

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1862.		Amount brought forward,	$8,246,09
Mar. 26	To Cash paid Rev.	Danl. Hertz, per Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., for note and interest due April 1,1862 on act. of Plate, Cert. L. M.,	106,00
Apr. 11	" " "	D. G. Klein, Bellefonte, Pa.,	18,75
19	" " "	J. F. Busche, New York,	50,00
	" " "	E. Boehringer, Norfolk, Va.,	75,00
	" " "	J. B. Kniest, Sandusky, Ohio,	87,50
	" " "	Max Stern, Louisville, Ky.,	44,00
	" " "	H. Eschmeier, Toledo, Ohio,	87,50
	" " "	W. Renter, Kenton, Ohio,	50,00
May 7	" " "	Trinity Chapel Mission, per Rev. J. O. Miller, York, Pa.,	50,00
15	" " "	Dr. Bomberger, for money, advanced to Rev. J. P. Pfister, travelling expenses,	30,00
16	" " "	D. G. Klein, Bellefonte, Pa.,	18,75
24	" " "	J. G. Wiehle, borrowed for 60 days from Salem's. Ger. Ref. Church,	112,00
18	" " "	W. R. Yearick, Line Lexington, Pa.,	50,00
June 4	" " "	P. Vitz, Decatur, Inda.,	22,00
	" " "	F. Strassner, Wilkesbarre, Pa.,	25,00
	" " "	O. Lohr, Elizabeth, N. J.,	25,00
	" " "	P. Jöris, Watertown, Wis.,	25,00
	" " "	C. Plüss, Arnheim, Ohio,	25,00
5	" " "	C. Cast, Detroit, Mich.,	100,00
7	" " "	S. Mease, Cin., Ohio, from Hill Church Miss. Society, Lebanon Co., Pa.	25,00
9	" " "	J. Riale, Central city, Iowa,	50,00
	" " "	H. A. Winter, Sauk, city, Wis.,	50,00
	" " "	Geo. F. Janke, Oxford Furnace, N. J.	60,09
	" " "	M. Stern, Louisville, Ky.,	62,50
	" " "	S. Mease, Cin., Ohio,	75,00
	" " "	H. C. Heyser, per. J. A. Mertz, Tr. West Susquehanna Classis,	25,00
	" " "	H. C. Heyser, per J. A. Mertz, Tr. West Susq. Classis, salary for 1862,	50,00
Aug. 18	" " "	J. P. Pfister, Egg Harbor, city, N. J., Removal Expenses $30, salary to July 1st, 1862 $62,50.	92,50
21	" " "	D. G. Klein, Bellefonte, Pa.,	37,50
Sept. 4	" " "	Wm. R. Yearick, Line Lexington, Pa.,	50,00
5	" " "	S. Mease, Cinn., Ohio, redemption of pledge by Rev. J. S. Dubs, North Whitehall, Lehigh Co., Pa., in behalf of his charge,	50,00
25	" " "	Max Stern, Louisville, Ky.,	62,50
	" " "	P. Greding, Beaver Dam, Ohio,	37,50
	" " "	S. Mease, Cin., Ohio,	75,00
	" " "	G. M. Albright, Lafayette, Ohio,	25,00
	" " "	J. B. Kniest, Sandusky, Ohio,	37,50
	" " "	H. A. Winter, Sandusky city, Wis.,	37,50
	" " "	C. Pluss, Arnheim, Ohio.,	20,00
	" " "	F. A. Gast, New Holland, Pa.,	50,00
	" " "	H. Kortheuer, Terre Hante, Ind.,	15,00
	" " "	T. Grosshusch, Rochester, N.Y.,	50,00
	" " "	W. Renter, Kenton, Ohio.	25,00
		Carried over,	$1,232,00

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1862.				Amount brought over,	$3,246,00
Sep.	25	To Cash paid	Rev.	O. Lohr, Elizabeth, N. J.,	25,00
		" "	"	C. Cast, Detroit, Mich.,	75,00
		" "	"	H. Eschmeier, Toledo, Ohio,	25,00
		" "	"	J. F. Busche, N. Y.,	70,00
		" "	"	J. T. Kluge, Sheboygan, Wis.,	50,00
Oct.	2	" "	"	J. Klingler, Allen Co., Ohio,	50,00
	10	" "	"	Sam'l. Gutelius, for services rendered in visiting Hazleton charge,	11,83
		" "	"	S. Mease, Cinn., Ohio, from Rev. Sam'l. Hess, Hellertown, Pa.,	30,00
		" "	"	S. Mease, Cinn., Ohio, from Rev. J. Henry Dubs, Allentown, Pa.,	50,00
		" "	"	Cash, advanced to R. R. Schmidt, Glass-	
		" "	"	boro, New Jersey.	4,00
		" "	"	Cash paid incidental expenses and postage,	2,00
		" "	"	W. R. Yearick, on account of salary as per receipt,	16,73
	16	" "	"	Wm. R. Yearick, on act. of salary,	30,00
					$3,635,65

The Licentiate Reinhard R. Schmidt, was presented as an applicant for Ordination as a missionary of the Board of Domestic Missions. His application was referred to the Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination.

Elder Charles Wannamacher, delegate from the Classis of Philadelphia, appeared and took his seat.

Adjourned. Doxology and Prayer by Rev. Walter E Krebs.

FRIDAY, October 17th, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Singing and Prayer by Rev. Daniel Gans.

The religious exercises for this afternoon were ordered to commence at 3 o'clock.

A communication was received from the Rev. George F. Miller, delegate from the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, accompanied by two copies of the Proceedings of the last annual sessions of that body, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches.

The resolution under consideration near the close of this morning's session, was taken up. It was so amended as to

refer the subject to the Committee on the Tricentennial Celebration of the Heidelberg Catechism, with instructions to report to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, and then adopted.

The report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod was resumed.

Item 5. No report was received from the committee referred to in this item. The committee was continued.

Item 6. The reception of the report of the committee referred to in this item, was deferred for the present.

Item 7. The following report was received from the Stated Clerk, in regard to the matter referred to in this item, and adopted:

To the Synod of the Ger. Ref. Church in the United States:

The undersigned respectfully reports:

That, in accordance with the instructions of Synod, he caused 3000 copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the last annual meeting to be published in the English language, and 2000 copies in the German language, and after sending each minister in the Church and lay-delegate, one copy by mail, and supplying the different Boards of the Church with the usual number of copies, apportioned the remainder among the several Classis in proportion to the amount assessed on them for the Contingent Fund of Synod, and sent them to two or three prominent points in each Classis, except those intended for the Virginia Classis, which, on account of the troubles of the country, were retained in the Publication Office for the present. The Classes received severally the following number of copies: East Pennsylvania, 168 English and 332 German; Lebanon, 197 English and 239 German; Zion's, 323 English and 177 German; Maryland, 463 English and 50 German; Philadelphia 278 English and 103 German; Mercersburg, 450 English and 50 German; Goshenhoppen, 85 English and 296 German; New York, 26 English and 57 German; Lancaster, 271 English and 110 German; East Susquehanna, 157 English and 156 German; West Susquehanna, 157 English and 156 German; Clarion, 118 English and 54 German; St. Paul's, 81 English and 44 German; Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, 98 English and 60 German. Corresponding members and officers of the Boards received 20 copies English and 12 German.

The average cost of the English edition was 11 cents per copy, and of the German, $12\frac{4}{5}$ cents per copy. An expense of $12, was incurred for postage on advance copies sent by mail.

Respectfully submitted,

SAM'L R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk.*

Item 7. Before the matter referred to in this item, was disposed of, the hour for commencing the religious exercises assigned to this afternoon, arrived.

The Synod accordingly proceeded to the observance of these exercises They were observed in the order proposed by the committee, except that the Rev. John S. Foulk was substituted in the place of the Rev. Jacob O. Miller.

At the close of the religious exercises, the Synod resumed its business.

The report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod was laid on the table, to admit of the reception of a report from the Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, in regard to the application of the Licentiate Reinhard R. Schmidt, for ordination. The Committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, beg leave to report.

That they have examined the papers of Licentiate R. R. Schmidt, and recommend him for ordination as Missionary at Glassboro, N. J., under the care of the Board of Domestic Misssions of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. A. BOMBERGER, *Chairman.*

Rev. Joshua H. Derr, Dr. Benjamin S. Schneck, Oscar Lohr, Jonathan E. Hiester, and Jared Fritzinger, were appointed a committee to ordain Mr. Schmidt this evening.

The following annual report of the Board of Foreign Missions was received and referred to the Committee on Missions:

The Board of Foreign Missions have just received from our Missionary in Syria, the Rev. Dr. B. Schneider, a most interesting report of the progress of the work in Aintab and its vicinity. The facts communicated are of a highly important and cheering character. Within a comparatively short time, say fifteen years, the true Gospel has been so firmly planted in Aintab, and in many other towns and places throughout that region, and so many native pastors and helpers raised up to carry forward the good work, that that entire community is about being left to the care of native pastors alone. But this and many other features of the work are fully brought out in Dr. Schneider's letter, which the Board herewith presents as the main part of their report this year. It will be seen, that we have great reason to praise and magnify the name of the Lord for the signal success with which He has crowned the labors of his servants.

It is to be deeply regretted, that our annual contributions are so very small. They ought to be ten times greater than what they are. Hundreds of our congregations contribute nothing to the cause of Foreign Missions, and those who do give to this blessed cause, give far too sparingly. Oh that God by his Spirit would wake up our Church to a sense of her duty, and give to her the true spirit of Christian Missions! The following is our Missionary's Report for the last year:

AINTAB, Aug. 13th, 1862.

Rev. E. Heiner, D. D., President Board Foreign Missions, German Reformed Church.

DEAR BROTHER:—The season for my usual Annual Report has come round, and I will present it in as small a compass as possible, though there is much to be said.

It has been a year of general prosperity. Quiet and harmony have reigned in the Church and community, and nothing to distract or harass either has occured. The additions to our community, though not as large as in some previous years, have been encouraging. Some of them have occurred recently. There seems now to be quite a disposition among the Armenians to join us. At the beginning of the year, several left us and returned to the old Armenian community, and there seemed little of a desire among them to embrace the truth. But a favorable change has taken place in this respect. Among our own people, too, there appears, at the present time, some encouraging indications, though nothing of a very marked nature exists. Our Sabbath audiences are about 1,000, and they listen with much interest to the truth.

There have been added to the Church sixty-two, of which number fifty-two were received at one time. This is the largest number ever admitted, and the day of their reception was a memorable occasion. The examination of the candidates was more protracted than usual and perhaps more rigid. We found more evidence of the secret operations of the Spirit than we had expected, and some of these then received, might have been accepted at some previous communion.

The Sabbath School continues to flourish and the people are as much interested in it as formerly. The average number, including the teachers, during the year, has been about 1,250, which is about the average number of the previous year, though on special occasions there have not always been quite so many as formerly. The avails of the various Missionary Societies of the Schools, of which I have given previous accounts, amounted to nearly $70,00. Half this sum was sent to South Africa and the remainder is to be used among the destitute in these regions. We deem it a matter of great importance to teach them habits of benevolence from their infancy.

The common schools are eight in number and contain 660 pupils. All but one of the teachers are members of the Church. The main text book is the Bible, and Catechetical instruction is regularly given. About three fifths of these pupils are the children of Armenian parents, who are so far inclined to the truth as to place their children under this influence, which is almost certain to make them Protestants in due time.

The efforts made to lead our own people to support their own Institutions and to contribute to benevolent objects, have not been in vain. The following are the Statistics on this subject:

Given in the support of the Pastor,		$192,50
" for the support of the civil Head of the Protestant community (over the land,)		116,00
" for sustaining preaching at an Out Station		97,00
" for the support of their schools,		258,00
" towards the support of the poor,		97,00
Special contribution to the Am. Board,		80,00
Given by the Sabbath School (as stated above),		64,50
Expenses on the Church at Aintab and on the Chapel in an Out Station,		88,00
Erection of new rooms on the church premises,		64,50
		$1,058,50
Their ordinary taxes to the Government,	$838,70	
Extraordinary,	516,10	
		1,354,80
		$2,413,30

These sums added together made a total of $2,413,30, and estimating the community at 2000 (it is a little above this), it would make $1,20 for every man, woman, and child.

Leaving out of view the taxes to the Government, what was given for the other objects, may be considered very creditable to their liberality. Remember, that a dollar here is equal to five at least in America, and in many things even more. Here people are, compared with persons in our native land, quite poor. Last spring four of the Theological Class were licensed to preach and thus their studies were closed. One of these is now preaching to a church near Antioch, where he will probably be settled before long; another is laboring two days east of Oorfu, the ancient Ur of the the Chaldees, at Leverek; the third, will, probably, also be located in the Antioch field; while the fourth has been hindered, as yet, from actual labors by domestic circumstances.

A little more than two months since, a new Theological Class was formed, consisting of eight members. These are now receiving daily instructions, and my Lectures to them form a most pleasant and delightful duty. They are all men of promise, and I may even say, perhaps, choice men, as they

have been selected from a number of candidates; and I cannot doubt that, with God's blessing, they will make very useful preachers and pastors. Their course of study will be continued more than a year, and they may be licensed in the fall o 1863. Should they all receive licensure, there will then have been sent forth from this place 21 preachers of the Gospel; and when these shall have been distributed over our field and settled, all the native churches within the limits of our general field will have been supplied with Pastors; the immediate present wants of all the churches will then have been met. This is surely a consummation to be devoutly wished for.

The Female Boarding School has not hitherto been in operation, as a boarding establishment, for want of funds; but there have been two classes of young ladies, each eight in number, under a course of faithful instruction as day scholars. The first class will be graduated in a month, having been in the school three years. Arrangements have just been completed to commence the boarding department in the fall. The system of instruction is very thorough, and the pupils promise to make excellent companions for our native pastors and preachers.

Our community, including all ages, and both sexes, now numbers about 2,060, and the church contains nearly 350 members. It will be seen, at once, that a congregation of this size is too large for one Pastor. It has long been felt that the interests of the truth demanded another Pastor; but the way did not seem to be prepared for such a measure, till recently. Now, however, means are being used to divide the church and congregation into two, and settle another Pastor over the second. Providence has sent us a most worthy and excellent man for the post, one of the first five licensed in Aintab. We had designed him as Pastor for another church and labored hard to that end; but Providence has sent him back to this city under such circumstances that he must remain here; and thus seems to be saying to us, "Make him Pastor of one of these churches." The people, we think, will be ready to settle him, and he is not only willing but anxious to be engaged in the work. Of course, this will require the erection of another church edifice, and for this money will be needed. But a kind Providence is favoring us in this respect, having already furnished us, some of the necessary funds, so that this, added to what the people will give, and what we confidently hope we may obtain from friends, the required sum may be secured. For about one year from the present time, the second church will need some assistance in the support of their Pastor, but not after that. When the necessities of the case, thus demand a second church, and the Pastor is on hand, and the people can be made willing to contribute to his support, and a church can be erected, why should *the measure* be any longer delayed?

With God's blessing we may hope the measure may be accomplished in about a year. It seems to us a most desirable object, for which we shall labor and pray.

Perhaps you will inquire, "Well, when you have two large congregations with their Pastors fully supported by the people, they also defraying the expenses of their schools and indeed of all their Institutions (as they actually do), and support the preaching of the gospel to some extent in the vicinity of the city, and with Pastors raised up (by fall of 1863), for all the churches in this general field, what work is there left in Aintab for you Missionaries to do, which the natives cannot perform? A most natural and reasonable inquiry. Our reply is, that the appropriate work of the Missionary is being rapidly finished in Aintab. With two large congregations and such strong, excellent men, as these Pastors are, the Gospel would seem to have been firmly planted here, and its further extension in the city and vicinity, may be mostly left to these native churches. I do not say, that this should be attempted next year, and there need be no sudden withdrawal of Missionary influences; and careful supervision may still be required for some time to come. But these circumstances certainly seem to indicate, that appropriate missionary work in this city is hastening to a close. We should keep this fact in mind. Now, is not this a most cheering result? The church at home never can send out a sufficiency of men to be Pastors of these churches. *Natives* must be raised up for every one of them; and as soon as they have been produced in any place, and they and their churches have gained strength sufficient, not only to stand, but to spread the Gospel in their own place and its vicinity, is not the work of the Missionary accomplished, and can we not go to the regions beyond?

It is proper here to observe that our policy as a Mission accords with this course of things. We expect to labor in a place until the institutions of the Gospel are fully established, and the people sufficiently imbued with the spirit and power of the Gospel to spread it all around them. When that point has been reached, our work seems to be done, and we can leave. Did not the Apostles pursue this course? They did not remain in a place, but having laid a good foundation, left the work in the hands of natives, whom they ordained over the churches, and proceeded to other places.

Perhaps I ought to add a caution, lest you infer more than has been intended. I do not mean to say, that we are about to leave Aintab in the hands of native pastors. I intend only to say, that the tendency of things is strongly in this direction, and that we rejoice in it and shall do all we can to further it, and this is really the end of our labors. Superintendence will of course, still be continued, and for this purpose, it may be

well that one missionary reside here, spending much of his time in translating, and thus furnishing a Christian literature to this people.

The work of our Out-Stations has progressed encouragingly, though I have not time to particularize.

I ought to add, that though last year we feared the necessity of curtailment for the want of funds, we are grateful to say, that our work has not essentially suffered. The natives have increased their contributions, the American Board has not suffered as much as was feared, and we have received a gift of about $560 from a beloved Christian friend in Geneva, Switzerland, Mons. Edmund Boissier (this is the *third* donation from him of this amount to our mission); and an anonymous friend in England has given us the support of eight pupils in our High School for one year.

In view of all these things you will unite with us in praising God for his manifold favors to our work; for it is his grace that has accomplished all.

Affectionately yours,

B. SCHNEIDER.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Board of Foreign Missions of the German Reformed Church, in account with ELIAS HEINER, *Treasurer.*

1861.		CR.	
Sept.	25	By balance in Treasurer's hands at settlement,	$348,75
Oct.	5	Rev. J. C. Klar, Wheatland, Clinton Co., Iowa,	7,00
	10	Collection at the Anniversary, held at Easton, during the sitting of Synod, per G. S. Griffith,	21,07
	19	Sophia Maumaker, Tr., Cavetown Sab. School, per J. Rodenmayer, Sup't. Md. Classis,	5,06
	26	Rev. C. Saure, third G. R. Church, Cincinnati, O., per A. H. Baughman, Esq.	30,00
Nov.	5	Rev. John Külling, Fourth G. R. Church Balt.	5,00
Dec.	4	John Wiest, Esq., from First Church, Phila.	19,52
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Jan.	9	S. Zink, Esq., from Second G. R. Church, Lancaster, Pa.,	10,00
Feb.	5	Infant School, Third G. R. Church, Balt. per J. Rodenmayer, Sup't Md. Classis,	5,00
	7	Rev. Jno. Beck, Easton, Pa., from his S. School.	22,00
	15	Rev. J. F. Busche, Missionary Church, N. Y. city,	5,00
	18	A Friend to the cause, Evansville, Ind.,	10,00
April	3	Mrs. E. Koons, of Rev. Mr. Giesey's Church, Phila.,	5,00
	5	Savings of deceased son of Rev. J. Beck, Easton,	2,00
	12	Rev. H. J. Ruetenik, Cleveland, Ohio, contributions from several sources, received by him since, New Year,	106,00
May	20	Per J. Rodenmayer, Sup't. Md. Classis: Rev. John H. Wagner, Hagerstown Cong.,	10,00
		Carried over,	$611,43

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1862.		Amount brought over,	$611,40
May	20 By	Rev. E. W. Krebs, Emmittsburg, Cong.,	11,80
		Rev. H. I. Comfort, Mechanicstown,	2,00
		Rev. W. F. Colliflower, Jefferson,	10,00
		Rev. Robt. Douglas,	5,00
June	7	Rev. C. A. Limberg, Troutville, Miss. Society, per Rev. J. H. Apple, Treasurer of Classis,	30,00
	14	J. A. Mertz, Tr., W. S. Classis, as follows:	
		Rev. H. Wiegand, White Deer charge,	5,00
		Rev. C. H. Leinbach, Mite Society of Church at Lewisburg, Pa.,	6,11
		Rev. Wm. H. Groh, Boalsburg charge,	20,00
		Rev. F. J. Mohr, Williamsport, charge,	21,75
		" " Liverpool charge,	2,00
	21	Jno. Wiest, First Church, Phila., additional,	27,26
	24	Rev. J. Sechler, $5, and D. Schwartz, $5, Littlestown, Pa.	10,00
		Rev. A. B. Shenkle, Trappe Cong.,	10,00
July	8	Rev. J. T. Kluge, Saron's Kirche, Wisconsin,	5,00
	22	Rev. Dr. Fisher, as acknowledged by him in Ger. Ref. Mess:	
		Rev. J. Liehstentein, $5, Rev. H. Mosser, $5,	10,00
		Members of Harrisburg Cong., Rev. Dr. Gans pastor,	25,00
		Rev. W. R. Yearick, $2, and Rev. J. E. Hiester, $2,70,	4,70
		Rev. D. F. Brendle,	4,00
		Rev. D. Weiser,	10,00
		Miss H. B. Garanflch 50cts. Mr. Welshans, $1,00,	1,50
		Rev. L. K. Derr,	20,00
		Rev. J. H. Wagner, Hagerstown,	10,00
		Rev. D. Y. Heisler,	10,25
		Rev. M. A. Smith,	5,00
		Rev. H. Mosser, additional,	25,45
		Rev. L. K. Derr, additional,	11,00
		Rev. J. E. Hiester, additional,	7,25
		Mrs S. Chambersburg $1, and W. Oelschlager $1.	2,00
		Rev. John Lerch, Bethlehem,	25,00
		Rev. F. Wankelman,	5,00
		Rev. T. H. Leinbach,	6,12
		Rev. F. W. Kremer, Lebanon, Pa.,	32,25
		Rev. T. C. Leinbach,	7,67
		Rev. I Miese,	5,00
		Rev. T. Fouse,	10,00
		George Cook,	10,00
		Rev. A. S. Leinbach, Reading, Pa.,	25,00
		Rev. L. Herman,	20,82
		A Friend $1, Jacob Heller $1,	2,00
Aug.	1	From Prof. Porter, Lancaster, Pa.,	5,00
		John Root, Cedarville, Ills.	5,00
	8	Rev. John W. Hoffmeier, Millersville ch., Lanc., co., Pa.,	20,00
		John Wiest, First Church, Phila., additional,	7,60
	22	Rev. G M. Albright, Lafayette, Allen Co., Ohio,	2,00
		Rev. H. Rust, from First Church, Cincinnati, Ohio,	12,50
		Rev. D. Willers, Fayette, N. Y.,	10,00
Oct.	12	Rev. Dr. Heiner's Church and Sab. School, 2nd, Baltimore, per G. S. Griffith,	100,00
		Rev. C. Saure, from Third Ger. Ref Church, Cin., O.,	30,00
	14	Rev. John Külling, Fourth Church, Baltimore,	4,00
		Rec'd. from Dr. Fisher, as acknowledged in Messenger,	
		From a member of the church at Freeburg,	2,50
		Carried forward,	$1,270,93

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1862.		Amount brought forward,	$1,270,93
Oct.	12 By	Rev. A. H. Kremer, Lancaster,	10,00
		" " Lady of Ger. Ref. Church.	5,00
		Rev. J. E. Hiester,	2,50
		Rev. G. E. Addams,	7,60
		Rev. D. F. Brendle,	11,68
		Rev. H. Wagner,	8.00
		Rev. F. Wise,	4,12
		Rev. J. Naille,	6,00
		Wm. Oelschlager,	1,00
		Rev. S. R. Fisher,	5,00
		Rev. A. S. Vaughan, from Shippensbury S. S.,	8,21
Oct.	16	Rev J. H. Wagner from Hagerstown Charge per. J Rodenmayer,	10,00
			$1,349,99

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1862.			
June	2	To amount refunded for money over-paid on Legacy from Estate of P. Cook, Esq., deceased, To Executors.	$55.00
July	19	To Cash to American Board, for Aintab Missions,	1,000,00
		To loss of remittance through the Post Office,	22,50
		To discount and postage for the year,	8,00
Oct.	16	Balance in Treasury,	269,49
			$1,349,99

We do hereby certify that we have examined the above account, and compared it with the vouchers, and find it correct.

JOHN S. FOULK,
JOHN RODENMAYER.

A communication was received from Rev. Dr. Joel Parker, delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches.

The following report was received from the Rev. Dr. John W. Nevin, delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church:

The delegate appointed to attend the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (N. S.,) found it inconvenient to fulfil the appointment, inasmuch as that body held its annual meeting at a great distance (at Cincinnatti,) and the expense of going there must necessarily be serious. Notice was given to his alternate, who, however, had the same reason for not undertaking the service.

J. W. NEVIN.

Item 8. In the report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod,

under consideration at the commencement of the religious exercises, was taken up, and then laid on the table for the present.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the attention of the General Synod be respectfully directed to the action of this Synod at its sessions in 1861, on the subject of a Sunday School Association of the German Reformed Church, as found on page 32 of the Minutes of said year.

Rev. Dr. Elias Heiner, delegate *primarius* from the Classis of Maryland, appeared, and was admitted to the seat occupied by the *secundus*, Rev. John G. Fritchey.

Adjourned. Singing and Prayer by Rev. George B. Russell,

SATURDAY, October 18th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Singing and Prayer by Rev. Dr. John W. Nevin.

The minutes of yesterday were read and adopted.

Rev. Emanuel H. Hoffheins, delegate from the Classis of Zion, appeared and took his seat.

Rev. Dr. Samuel S. Schmucker, delegate from the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, appeared, presented the evidences of his appointment, and also laid on the table six copies of the Minutes of the last meeting of that body, and took his seat. The Minutes were referred to the Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches.

Rev. Dr. Bernard C. Wolff and Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff of the Classis of Mercersburg; Rev. Elias D. Shoemaker, of the Classis of Clarion ; Rev. P. Seibert Davis, of the Classis of Philadelphia ; and Rev. Theodore P. Bucher and Jeremiah M. Mickley, of the Classis of Zion, appeared and took their seats as advisory members.

Rev. John H. Wagner, delegate *secundus* from the Classis of Maryland, was admitted to the seat occupied by the *primarius*, Rev. Jesse Steiner.

The order of day, the reception of the report of the Committee on the Ter-centenary celebration of the Heidelberg Cate-

chism, in regard to the memorial from the committee of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, was taken up. The committee submitted the following report, which was received:

The Committee on the Ter-centenary Celebration of the Heidelberg Catechism, present the following resolutions, as including the action they suggest to Synod on the memorial of the committee of Franklin and Marshall College in regard to the completion of the full endowment of the College:

Resolved, That the obligation, which Synod has already assumed by former action, of completing the endowment of the College by raising the sum of $50,000 still felt to be necessary for that purpose, is hereby acknowledged and renewed, and that, in the judgment of the Synod, this object ought to be accomplished during the Ter-centenary year; and since it is believed that there are those who desire particularly to remember the College endowment in their Ter-centenary free-will offerings, all such shall be allowed to designate that as the the object to which their contributions shall be applied.

Resolved, That if, in the judgment of the College Board, the object of securing the entire amount needed may be promoted by agents, the permission of appointing one or more agents for that purpose, is renewed, and the gifts thus secured during the Ter-centenary year shall receive record, in like manner as all others, as Ter-centenary offerings.

Respectfully submitted,

H. HARBAUGH, *Chairman.*

It was discussed to some extent. Before it was disposed of, however, the hour for taking up the order of the day for 10 o'clock this morning, the reception of the report of the Committee on the Liturgy, arrived. It was accordingly laid on the table, and the order of the day taken up.

The Committee on the Liturgy presented their report, which was read in part, when the hour of adjournment arrived.

Mr. Nehemiah H. Skyles, from the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, applied for license. He was referred to the Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination.

Adjourned until half past 1 o'clock this afternoon.

Doxology and Prayer by Rev. Dr. Samuel S. Schmucker.

SATURDAY, October 18th, 1½ o'clock, P. M.

Singing and Prayer by Rev. Dr. Bernard C. Wolff.

Elder Henry Berge, delegate from the Classis of New York, appeared and took his seat.

Elder Jesse Frantz, in consequence of illness, was excused from attendance on the remainder of the sessions.

The reading of the report of the Committee on the Liturgy was resumed and concluded. The report was then received and laid on the table, with a view to hear a report from a minority of the committee.

A report from the minority of the committee was presented by the Rev. Dr. John H. A. Bomberger, which was read in part, when the Synod took a recess until the services preparatory to the administration of the Lord's Supper about to be held in the church, shall have closed.

At the close of the religious services, the Synod resumed its business. The presenting of the report from the minority of the Committee on the Liturgy was continued, and the session prolonged beyond the hour fixed for adjournment to admit of bringing it to a close. The report was then received.

Elder John Meily, delegate from the Classis of Lebanon, appeared and took his seat.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. William K. Zieber.

MONDAY, October 20th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Singing and Prayer by Rev. John Külling.

The minutes of Saturday's sessions were read and adopted.

Rev. John Beck, delegate *secundus* from the Classis of East Pennsylvania, appeared and took his seat.

Rev. Peter S. Davis, delegate *primarius* from the Classis of Philadelphia, appeared and was admitted to the seat occupied by the *secundus*, Rev. Charles Lukens.

Rev. Joseph W. Santee, of the Classis of Maryland, Rev. Nathaniel E. Gilds, and George R. Zacharias, of the Classis of Mercersburg, and Rev. John M. Titzel, of the Classis of Virginia, appeared and took their seats as advisory members,

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The Treasurer of the Committee on the Liturgy presented the following statement of the receipts and expenditures of the committee:

The Treasurer of the Liturgy Committee reports to Synod, by order of Liturgical committee, respectfully asking Synod to pay him the balance due to the members of the Committee for travelling expenses, &c., as follows:

DR.

Rev. Dr. Nevin to and from Lebanon					$3,00
" Gerhart	do.				3,00
" Prof. Porter	do.				1,75
" Dr. Bomberger	do.	$3,25	Lancaster,	$2,25,	5,50
" Dr. Harbaugh			do.		3,07
" Dr. Schaff	do.		do.		6,80
John Rodenmayer	do.	$6,70	do.	$5,10	11,80
Lindsay and Blakiston's Bill for interleaved copies of the Liturgy, &c.					11,00
					$45,92

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July 30	By Cash received of Lindsay and Blakiston, per Dr. Schaff, 2½ cents on 500 copies Liturgical committee report,	12,50
	Balance due,	$33,42

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN RODENMAYER, *Treasurer.*

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to pay the amount due the several members of the committee, according to the statement contained in this report.

The minority of the Committee on the Liturgy, presented a specimen of the changes they proposed to have made in the present Provisional Liturgy.

The presence of the Rev. J. Dickson of the United Brethren Church, of the Rev. Joseph Clark of the Presbyterian Church, and of the Rev. Mr. Brittain of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was announced.

A series of resolutions were offered by the Rev. Joshua H. Derr, in reference to the Provisonal Liturgy. A resolution was subsequently offered, to lay these resolutions on the table, to open the way for a resolution, referring the majority and minority reports to a committee of seven.

Before the subject was disposed of, Synod adjourned.

Doxology and Prayer by Rev. Dr. Benjamin S. Schneck.

MONDAY, October 20th, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Singing and Prayer by Elder George Besore.

Rev. Nicholas Gehr, of the Classis of Philadelphia, appeared and took his seat as an advisory member.

The subject under discussion at the close of the morning's session, was laid on the table to admit of taking up several items of business.

The following report was received from Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff, delegate to the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church:

The undersigned begs leave to report, that he discharged his duty as delegate of your body to the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. He attended its last meeting held in the city of Lancaster, on May 5th, 1862, was kindly received and much interested in the discussions. The various district Synods were well represented, with the exception of those in the disloyal States, which had previously separated from their brethren in consequence of the civil war. Thus the political rupture has given rise, temporarily at least, to a separate Southern Lutheran, as it has to a Southern Presbyterian, and to a Southern Episcopal organization.

The General Synod saw fit to express their views on the unhappy state of the country, and, after an animated and interesting discussion, passed a series of patriotic resolutions taking strong ground against the Southern rebellion and in favor of the government in its efforts to suppress it, and approving of the President's proposed measure of emancipation combined with compensation and colonization.

Next to this action called forth by the extraordinary state of the country, the Synod disposed of the usual items of ecclesiastical business, among which your delegate was especially interested in the report on a flourishing missionary enterprize among the Anglo-Africans in Liberia, and the establishment of a mission in China.

One action of the General Synod, a certified copy of which I append to this report, relates to a modification of the terms of correspondence with Sister Churches and asks your concurrence.

Your delegate, in his farewell address, expressed his views on the neighborly courtesy and fraternal sympathy which should always exist between the German Reformed and Lutheran Churches in this country, so closely connected by a common national origin and so many theological, ecclesiastical, social, and domestic ties. His sentiments were fully recipro-

cated by the President in the name of the Synod, who charged him with the kindest regards and wishes for your body.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP SCHAFF.

Mercersburg, Pa., Oct. 15th, 1862.

At a meeting of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church held in the city of Lancaster, May 5th 1862, the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That in order to harmonize the relations of correspondence between the General Synod and other ecclesiastical bodies, it is, hereby proposed to the Synod of the German Reformed Church, so to alter the terms of correspondence agreed upon between us, as to conform them to our *Standing Resolution* on the subject."

The Resolution referred to is the following:

It is recommended to the District Synods with regard to the several ecclesiastical bodies in connexion with the General Synod, that they adopt the following rule, viz: 'Ministers and members in good standing, desiring to pass from one of these bodies to the other, shall, upon application to the proper body, receive a certificate of their standing.' "

M. L. STOEVER, *Secretary*.

Lancaster, Pa., May 6th, 1862.

The copy of the action of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, appended to the report, was referred to the Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches.

Rev. Dr. Samuel. S. Schmucker, delegate from the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, took leave of Synod in a brief address, which was properly responded to by the President.

A statement was received from the Treasurer of Synod in regard to the transfer of the Funds held by the Rev. Albert Helffenstein, Jr., Treasurer of the Widows' Fund Society, and referred to the Widows' Fund Society.

The presence of the Rev. Dr. Crawford of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, was announced.

Rev. Amos H. Kremer, of the Classis of Lancaster, and D. Earnest Klopp, of the Classis of Zion, appeared and took their seats as advisory members.

The subject of the Liturgy was resumed. The resolutions under discussion were laid on the table. The Synod then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, with Rev. Benjamin Bausman in the chair, to take into consideration the reports of both the majority and minority of the Committee. The subject was discussed until beyond the hour fixed for adjournment, by special resolution, when the committee arose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again, which report was adopted.

Adjourned until half past 8 o'clock this evening.

Doxology and Prayer by Rev. John Rebaugh.

MONDAY, October 20th, 8½ o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by the President.

Candidate George Seibert from Germany, applied for reception as a member of Synod. He was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Herman Rust, Jonathan E. Hiester, Oscar Lohr, and Elders Henry Berge and William D. Gross.

The Committee on Examination, Licensure, and Ordination submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Examination Licensure and Ordination, beg leave to report,

That they attended to the duty assigned them, and recommend Messrs. John W. Love, Geo. H. Johnston, W. A. Gring, A. C. Whitmer, and N. H. Skyles for licensure. Messrs. W. C. Cremer and Fred. Fox requested the privilege of withdrawing their names, which was granted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. A. BOMBERGER, *Chairman.*

The officers of Synod were instructed to furnish the young men, whose examination was sustained, with certificates of licensure, upon their signing the formula prescribed by the Constitution.

The Synod again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, with Rev. John Rebaugh in the chair, for the purpose of continuing the consideration of the two reports from the committee on the Liturgy. The discussion of the subject was continued. Before it was finally disposed of, the committee

again arose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again, which report was adopted.

Adjourned.

Doxology and Prayer by the President.

TUESDAY, October 21st, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Singing and Prayer by Rev. John Külling.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read, amended, and adopted.

The Committee on Nominations submitted their report, which was received and adopted.

The election was ordered to take place on to-morrow morning at half past 9 o'clock, and the Stated Clerk instructed to have the necessary number of copies of the Nominations printed for the use of Synod.

Rev. Henry Heckerman, delegate *secundus* from the Classis of Mercersburg, was admitted to the seat occupied by the *primarius*, the Rev. Samuel. H. Reid.

Rev. Henry Heckerman was substituted in the place of the Rev. Samuel H. Reid, as Chairman of the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

The report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod was again taken up:

Item 9. Laid on the table for the present.

Item 10. The following report was received from the committee referred to in this item, and the committee continued:

The committee in the case of Ex-Sheriff Duncan of York county, respectfully report,

That they have not yet succeeded in bringing this suit into a more definite shape. Still they are of opinion, that the committee should be continued, in the hope that some compromise of the case may be effected in the end.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. MILLER, *Chairman*,

Item 11. Laid on the table for the present.

The report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod was adopted as a whole.

The committee appointed to co-operate with a similar committee of the German Reformed Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, in making arrangements for holding the first meeting of the General Synod, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted :

The committee appointed to co-operate with a similar committee of the German Reformed Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, to make arrangements for holding the first meeting of the General Synod, respectfully report,

That they have attended to the duty assigned them, and, in concurrence with the committee of the German Reformed Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, would recommend that, said General Synod be held in Grace church, Pittsburg, Pa., on the 3rd Wednesday of November, 1863 at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The committees were at some loss to decide whether it devolved upon them to nominate a person to preach the opening sermon. They have, however, concluded to recommend the appointment of the Rev. Dr. John W. Nevin for this purpose, and the Rev. Dr. Moses Kieffer as his secundus.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Chairman.*

The committee appointed to ordain the Licentiate Reinhard R. Schmidt, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted :

The committee appointed to ordain the Licentiate R. R. Schmidt, would beg leave to report,

That they attended to this duty on Friday evening, the 19th inst., in the German Reformed church of Chambersburg.

J. H. DERR, *Chairman.*

Rev. George Wolff and Elder John Meily were appointed a committee to take up a collection to remunerate the sexton of the church for his services.

The Synod resolved itself into a committee of the whole, with Rev. Dr. Elias Heiner in the chair, for the purpose of continuing the consideration of the two reports from the committee on the Liturgy. The discussion was continued until the hour of adjournment, when the committee arose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again, which report was adopted.

Adjourned.

Doxology and Prayer by Rev. Thomas G. Apple.

TUESDAY, October 21st, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Singing and Prayer by Elder John Rodenmayer.

The Treasurer of Synod submitted the following report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN :—The accompaying statement of the account of the Treasurer, will show the amount of the receipts and expenditures for the past year.

In the settlement of the account of M. Kieffer & Co., for printing, there remains a balance yet due them of $528,41. This arises mainly from the failure of many of the Classes to pay the amounts of their several apportionments to the Contingent Fund.

The appended list of balances due by the several Classes, shows the amount to be $913,00, which should have been paid. The Treasurer would thus have been enabled to pay the balance due by Synod for printing Minutes.

The gross amount paid into the Treasury during the past year was $1,237,69, of which sum there has been paid out $1,125,83, leaving a balance in the Treasury of $111,86.

It is altogether important, that the balances due by the several Classes should be promptly paid. Unless this is done, Synod will be burdened with an annual debt. The balance due on the Seventeen Thousand Dollar Scheme, to a great extent, still remains unpaid, notwithstanding the earnest request of Synod, that it should be paid. The only money received on this account was the payment of $156,89, by the Goshenhoppen Classis. It could not but be a source of gratification to the Church and Classes to hear of a full and complete payment of all the apportionments laid upon them by Synod. Surely a little exertion on the part of the Church, would enable it to meet its solemn engagements. System is all that is necessary to secure the happiest results.

The Treasurer of Synod holds three bonds, of $100 each, the payment of which is conditioned on the death of the donor, for the support of the Board of Education.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM HEYSER, *Treas. of Synod.*

The Synod of the German Reformed Church in account with WILLIAM HEYSER, *Treasurer.*

1861.		CR.	
	By balance in Treasury at settlement,		$23,98
Oct. 16	By Cash received from Clarion Classis,		10,00
Dec. 23	"	Philadelphia Classis, Rev. N. Gehr,	11,50
1862.			
Mar. 26	"	Clarion Classis	28,03
Apr. 1	"	Interest on Cook legacy,	36,00
30	"	Lebanon Classis,	2,00
May 7	"	do. do.	5,00
15	"	Dividend Hagerstown Bank, Nov. and May,	33,00
June 4	"	Mercersburg Classis,	120,00
	"	Maryland Classis,	80,00
11	"	Lebanon Classis,	78,00
	"	Clarion Classis,	50,00
18	"	Lebanon Classis,	7,00
	"	West Susquehanna Classis,	62,50
25	"	Goshenhoppen Classis,	93,25
July 2	"	Zion's Classis,	85,00
	"	Goshenhoppen Classis, per Rev. N. S. Strassburger, on $17,000 scheme,	156,99
9	"	New York Classis,	20,00
Aug. 6	"	Zion's Classis,	28,00
Sep. 10	"	Apportionment Hagerstown Bank Stock,	110,00
Oct. 6	"	Interest on Cook legacy,	36,00
16	"	Philadelphia Classis,	73,84
	"	Lancaster Classis,	6,50
	"	St. Paul's Classis,	50,00
10	"	Lindsay & Blakiston, copy money,	24,20
			$1,237,69

1861.		DR.	
Oct. 3	To balance due Treasurer on Chambersb'g Bank loan,		$159,99
	Cash paid M. Kieffer & Co.,		10,00
Dec. 23	"	Rev. N. Gehr, for translating Minutes,	30,00
1862.	"	expenses Liturgical committee,	11,50
Apr. 1	"	A. B. Wingerd, Interest Cook legacy,	36,00
July 2	"	Interest Chambersb'g Bank on loan to date,	8,38
Oct. 6	"	A. B. Wingerd, Interest Cook legacy,	36,00
9	"	M. Kieffer & Co., printing Minutes,	560,78
	"	Rev. S. R. Fisher, D. D., Stated Clerk,	75,00
12	"	Postage stamps and envelopes	87
	"	Rev. H. Harbaugh, expenses on Child's Cat.,	9,75
16	"	Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., expenses Synod of Ohio,	25,00
	"	M. Kieffer & Co., printing,	55,50
18	"	M. Kieffer & Co., printing,	50,00
	"	Rev. H. Harbaugh, Liturgical committee,	7,14
	"	Rev. P. Schaff, D. D., freight on Library books,	14,50
20	"	Rev. H. Harbaugh Ter-centenary expenses,	2,00
	"	Rev. J. Rodenmayer, Liturgical committee,	33,42
		Balance in the hands of Treasurer,	111,86
			$1,237,69

Amount due by Classes on the Contingent Fund.

Pennsylvania Classis,		$320,00
non "		34,64
's "		89,00
yland "		40,00
adelphia "		100,00
inia "		77,00
enhoppen "		61,81
aster "		158,75
Susquehanna "		75,00
Susquehanna "		7,25
		$913,45
Clarion Classis has overpaid its dues	$21,03	

Account of M. Kieffer & Co., Printing.

DR.

24	To balance due them last settlement,		$607,69
	printing 3,000 English Minutes,	$330,00	
	" 2,000 German,	256,00	
	Postage paid on Minutes mailed,	12,00	598,00
			$1205,69
8	To Cash paid them,	$ 10,00	
9	" paid them,	560,78	
16	" paid them,	55,50	
18	" paid them,	50,00	676,28
	Balance due,		$529,41

esolved, That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet this ing after the anniversary exercises of the Board of For- Missions shall have closed, to hear the report of the Com- ee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports.

ev. Adam C. Kendig, of the Classis of Lancaster, appear- nd took his seat as an advisory member.

he Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary submit- the following report, which was received and referred to Committee on the Theological Seminary:

he Rev. Synod of the Ger. Ref. Church in the United States:

EAR BRETHREN:—The Board of Visitors held two meet- during the year, one in the latter part of March, at the of the winter session of the Seminary, and another in , at the close of the year. The officers of the Board have the same as the previous year, viz: *President,* Rev. J. augh; *Secretary,* Rev. T. G. Apple; *Treasurer,* Dr. S. R. er. At the meeting in the spring the opening sermon was

preached by Rev. B. Bausman, and at the close of the year, in place of the usual sermon, the Senior class in the Seminary held a literary entertainment in the Ger. Ref. Church in Mercersburg. The Board attended the usual examinations of the Theological students, which furnished evidence of diligence and progress in their studies on the part of the students. The number of students connected with the Seminary during the year is 31, viz: Edmund Erb, A. R. Hottenstein, D. E. Klopp, R. Schwoedes, A. C. Whitmer, Cyrus Cort, Jacob Dahlman, C. R. Dieffenbacher, W. G. Engle, W. A. Gring, U. H. Heilman, M. H. Hockman, G. H. Johnston, J. Kretzung, J. W. Love, E. S. Sheip, N. H. Skyles, R. R. Schmidt, W. Wittenweiler, W. C. Cremer, W. F. P. Davis, C. H. Foster, F. Fox, S. M. K. Huber, W. M. Landis, M. Schaible, W. H. Snyder, J. P. Stein, Apple, Dubs, Hibshman.

Several of these left the Seminary irregularly, and the following were regularly dismissed, having finished their studies, viz: Edmund Erb, Rheinhart S. Schwoedes, Jacob Dahlman, and the Senior class, consisting of M. H. Hockman, A. C. Whitmer, N. H. Skyles, J. H. Johnston, W. A. Gring, Cyrus Cort, J. W. Love, and R. R. Schmidt.

The Faculty report the condition and prospects of the Seminary to be unusually good. The Tutorship Scheme has been in successful operation during the past year. According to the testimony of the Faculty, it "has more than realized all the expectations thus far, and materially contributed to the usefulness and efficiency of the Seminary."

The Board have fixed the term of study in the Seminary at two years and a-half, and are making arrangements for regular graduating exercises and the distribution of diplomas at the end of each Seminary year. Mr. Kershner was duly commissioned and has been for some time already pursuing his studies in Germany.

The Board, at the recommendation of the Theological Faculty suggest to Synod, whether some arrangement could not be made with the Board of Missions, or in some other way, by which fields of labor can be found for the young brethren who enter the ministry from the Seminary. In the absence of any arrangement of this kind, many of our young men are compelled to remain inactive after finishing their Theological studies. The Lord is sending out laborers, and this seems to be a loud call to us as a Church to find openings for them to labor, either in the older fields where perhaps charges may be divided, or else to seek out new places.

In regard to the condition of the Treasury of the Board of Education, we have no new story to tell. It might naturally be expected that in the present distracted and distressed state

the country, this treasury would very much need replenish-
;. Yet when it is considered how little comparatively the
ater portion of our Church has been affected by the war,
l how small a sum from each charge is required to supply
s treasury, it must be confessed that we have been derelict
ore God in not doing what we could, as a Church, to sus-
n it better.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN REBAUGH, *President.*

T. G. APPLE, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

ard of Education of the German Reformed Church, in account with S. R. FISHER, *Treasurer.*

1.		CR.	
. 28	By balance in Treasury,		$633,69
. 16	By Cash from Rev. J. Gantenbein,		29,20
	"	" S. G. Wagner,	15,00
	"	" P. S. Fisher,	9,00
	"	Mrs. E. J Callender,	5,00
	"	Rev. E. W. Reinecke,	24,09
	"	" J. Ault,	15,00
	"	" L. K. Derr,	20,00
	"	" J. Kurtz,	25,00
	"	Race Street church, Philadelphia,	50,00
	"	Rev. M. A. Smith,	3,00
	"	" M. Schultze,	10,00
	"	" C. F. Hoffmeier,	16,29
23	"	Two Friends, Harrisburg, Pa.,	10,00
30	"	Mrs. S.,	1,00
v. 6	"	Rev. J. H. Wagner,	10,00
13	"	" S. H. Ried,	10,00
	"	" J. Ziegler,	15,64
27	"	" D. Y. Heisler,	7,78
	"	" H Mosser,	5,00
c. 11	"	" I. K. Loos,	5,00
	"	" E. Kieffer,	10,00
17	"	" J. Hassler,	6,00
	"	" J. E. Hiester,	7,10
32. 25	"	" J. Rebaugh,	8,00
n. 8	"	Widow's Mite,	2,50
	"	Henry Bear,	1,25
	"	Emanuel Bear,	1.25
	"	Rev. W. A. Helfrich,	50,00
15	"	Sarah Conver,	1,00
	"	Race Street church, Philadelphia,	40,00
	"	Rev. J. Lichtenstein,	3,00
	"	" A. L Dechant,	10,00
22	"	Elizabeth Locher, dec'd.,	3,00
	"	Rev. J. Hassler,	4,00
29	"	" H. Mosser,	10,25
	"	" J. E. Hiester,	4,74
	"	" J. O. Miller,	10,00
b. 5	"	Race Street church, Philadelphia,	43,50
		Carried over,	$1,184,83

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1862.			Amount brought over,	$1,134,88
Feb.	5	By Cash from	Rev. D. F. Brendle	4,00
	12	"	" Dr. J. S. Kessler,	10,41
		"	" A. L. Dechant,	10,00
		"	" J. Beck, Easton S. S.,	22,00
	19	"	" L. K. Derr,	11,00
	26	"	Hanover, Pa., charge,	30,00
		"	Rev. Dr. H. Harbaugh,	18,42
		"	John Lerch,	50,00
Mar.	5	"	J. H. Loux,	1,00
	12	"	Rev. J. D. Zehring	17,00
		"	Jacob Rentz, Loyal Sauck,	4,00
		"	Dividend Harrisburg Bank,	9,00
	26	"	Proceeds of note discounted,	196,86
April	2	"	Rev. A. J. Herman,	15,00
		"	" W. M. Deatrick,	5,00
	9	"	S. S. Lebanon, 1st church,	32,25
		"	Rev. J. Beck, Fem. memb. cong.,	15,00
		"	West Susquehanna Classis,	79,00
	23	"	Rev. J. O. Miller,	5,00
		"	" D. F. Brendle,	7,00
		"	" T. H. Leinbach,	5,00
		"	Fem. Benev. Soc. 1st church Lebanon, Pa.,	30,00
	30	"	Rev. W. H. R. Deatrich,	15,00
May	7	"	" I. Miese,	5,00
	14	"	West Susquehanna Classis,	47,50
	21	"	Hanover charge,	27,00
	28	"	Rev. J. Hannabery, Schellsburg,	10,00
		"	" T. Fous, Wood Cock Valley,	20,00
		"	" B. S. Schneck,	5,00
		"	" S. R. Fisher,	5,00
		"	" C. F. Hoffmeier, Friend's Cove,	14,25
		"	" J. Rebaugh, Middleburg,	8,00
		"	" F. Fous, $5., B. S. Schneck, $5., S. R. Fisher, $5., P. Shearer, $5., W. Heyser, $10. and Jacob Reid, $20., for particular student,	50,00
		"	Rev. Geo. Wolff,	30,00
		"	" A. L. Dechant,	5,00
		"	" D. Y, Heisler,	12,04
Jnne	4	"	" I. K. Loos, Up. Mt. Bethel,	1,55
		"	" J. Rodenmayer, from Rev. J. H. Wagner, $27.20, Rev. W. E. Krebs, $11.80, Rev. F. A. Rupley, $25., and Rev. H. I. Comfort, $2.,	66,00
	11	"	Rev. A. S. Leinbach,	20,00
		"	" H. Wagner,	8,00
		"	Emanuel's church,	4,30
	18	"	Harrisburg cong.,	30,00
	25	"	Rev. J. Rebaugh, St. Paul's,	5,00
		"	" I. K. Loos, Mt. Bethel,	6,03
		"	West Susquehanna Classis,	112,00
July	2	"	Race Street church, Philadelphia,	59,50
		"	Rev. G. W. Glessner,	5,00
	16	"	" N. Gehr,	22,00
			Carried forward,	$2,295,94

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		Amount brought forward,	$2,295,94
28	By Cash from	Rev. J. W. Hoffmeier,	20,00
	"	" J. Hassler,	10,00
28	"	Proceeds of Note discounted,	492,16
30	"	Rev. E. H. Hoffheins,	30,00
	"	" Dr. P. Schaff,	5,00
	"	" A. L. Dechant,	11,49
	"	" J. O. Miller,	5,00
6	"	" D. Bossler,	15,00
	"	" M. A. Smith,	5,00
	"	" Jacob Dahlman, refunded,	12,00
	"	Adelaide Dechant, Millersburg,	5,00
20	"	Rev. G. E. Addams,	2,00
27	"	" J. E. Hiester,	6,00
	"	" D. Y. Heisler,	45,38
	"	" W. H. R. Deatrick,	5,00
8	"	" G. E. Addams,	3,00
	"	" J. Sechler,	40,00
	"	" I. K. Loos,	15,00
	"	" F. A. Rupley,	25,00
	"	" J. Beck,	20,00
	"	" Dr. Bomberger,	10,00
	"	" J. S. Dubs,	10,00
10	"	Race Street church, Philadelphia,	80,00
24	"	Rev. J. E. Hiester,	12,00
	"	" G. E. Addams,	5,00
	"	" A. Romich,	10,50
	"	" W. A. Helfrich,	75,75
	"	Race Street church, Philadelphia,	40,00
25	"	Proceeds of Note discounted,	898,78
7	"	Int. on Klopp legacy, per A. B. Wingerd,	40,00
	"	Rev. Dr. Harbaugh, 2d ch. Lebanon,	20,00
	"	" G. Wolff, Mt. Etna cong.,	2,78
	"	" J. S. Herman,	117,00
8	"	" G. B. Dechant,	23,00
15	"	per Rev. Dr. Gerhart, special contribution from Mrs. Kate Kunkel, $15.; A Friend, Lancaster, 38 cts.; Mrs. R. R. Schneck, $1.; Mrs. Bear, $2.; Rev. B. Bausman, $20.; Mr. Wankelman, $5. and Mrs. D. $1,	44,38
	"	M. Kieffer & Co., Int. on notes,	38,33
	"	Dividend Harrisburg Bank,	11,25
	"	Rev. C. F. Hoffmeier,	5,00
	"	" J. G. Fritchey,	22,00
	"	" J. H. Wagner,	20,00
	"	" D. S. Tobias,	10,00
	"	" W. K. Zieber, Hanover charge,	52,12
	"	Race Street church, Philadelphia,	17,50
	"	Rev. W. K. Zieber, Hanover charge,	25,00
	"	" A. S. Vaughan, Shippensburg,	28,29
	"	" W. M. Deatrick, Yellow Creek,	10,00
	"	" N. E. Gilds, St. Clairsville,	5,00
			$4,191,46

SUMMARY OF CREDITS.

Balance in Treasury,	$ 633,69
Collections,	2,364,44
Interest and Dividends,	98,58
Loans,	1,082,75
Refunded,	12,00
	$4,191,46

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Oct. 15	To amount paid beneficiaries as per vouchers,	$2,673,20
	" " Principal on Loans,	1,220,00
	" " Interest on Loans,	24,79
	" " Traveling expenses,	3,50
	" " for Scholarship,	32,78
	Balance in Treasury,	237,19
		$4,191,46

LIABILITIES OF BOARD.

Note Mechanics Saving Bank,	due Oct. 29, 1862,	$500,00
" Bank,	" Dec. 27, 1862,	400,00
		$900,00

The undersigned, appointed by the Board of Education to audit the above account, certifies that he has examined it, comparing the vouchers, and found it correct; showing a balance in the hands of the Treasurer, towards the payment of the liabilities of the Board, of $237,19.

JOHN REBAUGH.

Oct. 21, 1862.

The Licentiates John W. Love, George H. Johnston, A. C. Whitmer, and Nehemiah H. Skyles, were placed under the care of the Classis of Mercersburg, and W. Augustus Gring, under the care of the Classis of Zion.

The Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches, submitted the following report, which was received and disposed of item by item:

The Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches would respectfully report,

That the documents placed into their hands, claiming the attention of Synod, are as follows:

Item 1. The Minutes of the German Reformed Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States.

This Synod convened on the 21st of May, 1862, in Dayton, Ohio. The Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., delegate from this Synod was present as our representative. Your committee call the attention of Synod to the following points in these Proceedings:

(*a.*) (On page 8,) The action of the Western Synod relative to the proposed Tri-centennial celebration of the adoption of the Heidelberg Catechism, proposing a plan for an efficient co-operation with this Synod in the commemoration of this great event.

(*b.*) On page 49,) The Western Synod expresses a desire to change the title of our Church from "The German Reformed" to "The Evangelical Reformed Church," having sent the subject down to the respective Classes for favorable action, and kindly requests this Synod to co-operate with it in this movement.

(*c.*) (On page 50,) The Western Synod asks that the Provisional Liturgy now before the Church be so modified as to omit the responsive part, as it has respect to the people in the ordinary services of the Church, and such phrases as may be in conflict with the generally received doctrines of the German Reformed Church.

(*d.*) The Rev. Prof. H. Rust was elected as delegate primarius to this Synod, and Rev. E. Keller secundus. The former has been with us during our sessions as the representative of the Church in the West.

Item 2. A copy of the Proceedings of the Twentieth Convention of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, presented to this Synod by the Rev. S. S. Schmucker, D. D., the delegate in attendance from that body. In these proceedings the General Synod asks this Synod so to alter the terms of correspondence agreed upon by that body and this, as to conform them to the standing resolution of the General Synod on the subject. (page 29.)

Item 3. Are two copies of the Minutes of the One Hundred and Fifteenth Annual Session of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States, and a letter from the Rev. George F. Miller, the delegate from that body, conveying the most cordial greetings of the Ministerium to this Synod.

Item 4. Is a letter from Joel Parker, D. D., delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (N S.) communicating "the most friendly and fraternal regards" of that body to this Synod and asking Synod to inform him of the reception of his letter.

Respectfully submitted,

B. BAUSMAN, *Chairman.*

In reference to Item *b* in the above report, relating to the German Reformed Synod of Ohio and Adjacent Stated, it was

Resolved, That the subject embraced in this request be referred to the several Classes for their action at their next annual meetings.

Item *e* relating to the same Synod, was referred to the Committee of the whole on the subject of the Liturgy.

The consideration of the item in the Minutes of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, relating to the terms of Correspondence, was, at the request of the delegate from that body, deferred until the next annual meeting of Synod.

The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to furnish the Rev. Dr. Parker with the desired reply to his letter.

Synod resolved itself into a committee of the whole, with Rev. Samuel H. Giesy in the chair, to continue the consideration of the two reports from the Committee on the Liturgy. The discussion was continued until near the hour of adjournment when the committee arose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again, which report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches was then adopted as a whole.

Rev. Abner R. Kremer, from the Classis of Zion, appeared and took his seat as an advisory member.

A communication was received from the students of the Theological Seminary, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

Adjourned. Doxology and Prayer by Rev. John K. Millet.

TUESDAY, October 21st, 8½ o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. George B. Russell.

The Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports submitted their report, which was received, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the State of Religion and Morals within the bounds of the Eastern Synod, respectfully beg leave to submit the following report:

Beloved Fathers and Brethren in the Lord:—With the disciples on the mount of transfiguration, it is to be hoped, we have all had occasion, in some measure at least, during the sessions through which we have now passed, to say, "It is good for us to be here." Once more has the Master whom we serve permitted us to greet each other in the bonds of Christian fellowship, to mingle our counsels and prayers in behalf of the progress of His kingdom, and to labor unitedly and in the spirit

of harmony and love for the glory of His name and the spiritual good of man. For this privilege, connected with all other blessings which have been made to crowd our lives during the past Synodical year, we would here and in this solemn way, lift our hearts to God in devout gratitude, saying individually —"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name; bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits."

Occasion for this feeling of gratitude has indeed not been wanting at any point between the present and our last meeting in a similar capacity. Though we have all been made to see, and to some extent also to feel, God's severity, still His goodness has at no time been wholly withheld. Justice and mercy, harmoniously related in God, have been equitably meted out to men; and even where the former seemed to have preponderated in our individual experience, it was to prepare the way for a more enlarged reception and a more comfortable enjoyment of the latter. The light of day is only the more cheering for the darkness of the night which it penetrates and drives away. As did the Apostles, so we also reckon that our light afflictions, which are but for a moment, are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us hereafter. Thus we are patient in adversity and thankful in prosperity, believing that both states look to, and, under Providence, prepare the way for a still higher, holier and more blessed condition.

In this spirit do the reports, which have been placed into our hands, generally regard the calamity which has overtaken our beloved country. God's hand is devoutly acknowledged in it, and it is believed that His purpose is to separate us from our national sins, and then to unite and elevate us again, and thus make us a stronger, more prosperous and happy people than we have ever been before. Though the reports in this view evince a subdued spirit, it is not in any of them the spirit of despair. Hope, arising from the Christian faith and sustained by the promises of God's Word, is always the stronger feeling; and however dark the future to the purely natural mind, for the mind of the Church, looking into it from the different points from which these reports have been gathered, it is both penentrated and bordered by rays of light. Accordingly, wherever God, through this affliction, has hedged up the way to fields of usefulness which seemed ready to be entered and occupied, and wherever He has modified hitherto successful activity in fields already possessed and in the process of cultivation, it is felt to be only for a time, in order to make way for a more successful, radical, and, in the end, speedy subjugation of the world to the reign of Christ—the Prince of Peace.

The Lord reigneth, and the people loyal to His will, ever say —"Praise ye the Lord."

But for a few exceptional cases, our ministers have all been allowed to retain their positions in their charges and to continue their efforts to advance the great interests of the Church of Christ. We express our sympathy for those brethren, who, in consequence of the war, have been excluded from this fellowship, and earnestly pray that their desires to re-join us may be speedily gratified. It is gratifying to state, that we have lost none by death, and that health and vigor have been preserved to a remarkable degree. While a few, with staff in hand, having borne the heat and burden of the day, are almost ready to impart to us their last blessing and join their companions in Heaven, it is cheering to behold the large number of young men, so fully equipped for the contest, crowding around them anxious to receive their mantle and willing to take their places. The prospect of the Church, in this view, has never been better than it is at the present.

The reports all speak of silent, steady and sure progress. Notwithstanding the war and the excitement necessarily incident thereto, the churches, generally, are well attended; the attention to the word preached is marked and solemn; and not unfrequently is it found that individuals are willing to *act now* in regard to the great matter of salvation, who were utterly incorrigible in times of peace and prosperity. A growing attachment to the Church on the part of her membership, is encouragingly spoken of in most of the reports. As the light of the Gospel is poured upon the Lamb's Bride, her beauties are made to appear more and more, and her attractive power, as the living, loving mother of us all, is felt more deeply. Here are provisions when famine is abroad. Here is peace when war is in the land. Here are hopes and comforts when despair and sorrow crowd upon the soul. Here are the means of grace, and here starts the hope of glory.

No one view, however, can cover the variety in the actual Church of Christ. The tares are with the wheat, and both, by divine order, grow together to the harvest. Pharisaic hypocrisy, Laodicean lukewarmness, and Apostolic contention, have not exhausted their energies in the past; nor have the love of Mammon, the spirit of pride, and the zeal "not according to knowledge," wholly forsaken the tabernacles of the righteous. Over these things we mourn, yet we mourn not as those who have not hope. The Church is rising into higher degrees of spirituality. A rigid sifting process is going forward. A profound German Reformed Church consciousness is spreading; and the genius of charity, though fettered here and there, for a time, will, as we have reason to believe, soon break its bands

asunder, and again act according to the meek and generous laws of its own nature.

The benevolences of the Church, though somewhat diminished during the past year, have yet continued to flow into the respective treasuries. We have not, as yet, been compelled to withdraw any of our missionaries now in the field. Many of them, however, are greatly in need of aid which the Missionary Board finds it impossible to render. With anxious hearts we inquire: How long shall this cry for help be unheeded? God, in the lessons of His terrible Providence around us, is beginning to teach the Church the best objects on which to expend her wealth—if not for the reign of peace and happiness, then for that of war, devastation and wretchedness. In the view of our benevolences, it must be confessed, that we have never been, and are not now, by any means, what we should be; nor should any seek to rest, with a good conscience, until the last effort is made to elevate the Church, in this respect, to the high position to which her wealth and dignity, in other views, both call and entitle her.

The spiritual training of the young, by means of the Catechetical class and the Sunday School, has gone forward with usual fidelity and success. Increasing confidence seems to be manifested, by the ministers and members, both in this educational type of religion, and in the means thus employed, so far as they reach, to cultivate and confirm it. It is felt, however, pretty generally, that in regard to the order of the Sunday School internally, and its relation to the Church, several very material improvements might be made, which would greatly increase its efficiency in the way of giving greater reliability and permanency to its influence and results. This subject has already been recommended to the earnest consideration of the General Synod, and it is hoped that a greatly increased power for good in the case of the Sunday School may date from that meeting.

It is an occasion of special gratitude to God that the College at Lancaster, and the School of the Prophets at Mercersburg, have been during the year, and are now, notwithstanding the distracting troubles of the country, in a highly prosperous condition. Last July the College graduated the largest class that has ever gone forth from the institution since its location in Lancaster city; and what is more cheering still to the Church, is the fact, that one half of the young men of this class have in view the Gospel ministry. It is a fact also that the Seminary has been more numerously attended during the past year than at any previous period.

As a Church, therefore, though in the midst of great civil and political commotion, we have much that should inspire, not only devout feelings of gratitude to God, but also hope and

confidence in relation to the future, and enkindle at the same time new zeal in the Master's work. All things conspire to make us humble and earnest—to impress upon us the great importance of our mission, as heralds of the cross, and to induce us to be faithful, in season and out of season, to the precious trust which has been committed to our hands.

And now, Fathers and Brethren, we are about to launch our boats once more upon the great sea of divine and human activities. The meeting has been pleasant—let the parting not be sad. Perhaps the night has never been as dark before, nor the ocean as deeply stirred and restless. We know not what tempests may break upon us, or how we shall be able to weather the storm. But, abiding in the vessel, with the faith of our heart fixed on Him who said to the waves of Galilee—"Peace, be still," we may have the consciousness of knowing that all will be well in the end. To the God of our fathers we here again consecrate ourselves in body, soul and spirit, praying that He will make us, Ministers and Elders, abundantly instrumental in the promotion of His glory and the establishment of His kingdom in the world. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

D. GANS, *Chairman.*

The Synod resolved itself into a committee of the whole, with Rev. William K. Zieber in the chair, to continue the consideration of the two reports from the Committee on the Liturgy. The subject was discussed at considarable length, when the committee arose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again, which report was adopted.

Rev. Jared Fritzinger and George Wolff, obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the sessions.

Adjourned. Doxology and the Lord's prayer, by Rev. Martin A. Smith.

WEDNESDAY, October 22nd, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Singing and Prayer by Elder Daniel Lefever.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and adopted.

Rev. Mortimer L. Shuford and Elder John Mellinger obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the sessions. Rev. Walter E. Krebs, delegate *secundus* from the Classis of Maryland, was admitted to the seat occupied by Rev. Mortimer L. Shuford.

The following report was received from the committee to whom was referred by the Synod at its last annual meeting, the paper of the Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff in reference to the German Hymn book, and adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the accompanying propositions made by Dr. Schaff to Synod, respectfully report,

That they had an interview with M. Kieffer & Co., and, in consequence of the disturbed state of the country, they decline all propositions made, and have no disposition to disturb the present arrangement in regard to said book.

Your committee respectfully asked to be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. WINGERD, *Chairman.*

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN:—Inasmuch as you have seen proper, in the afternoon session of yesterday, to finally adopt my German Hymn book on the basis of the unanimous adoption of the Classes, and thus to re-affirm your former action on the subject, I beg leave, as one of the parties concerned in this transaction, to submit in justice to myself and to Synod, the following statement and proposition supplementary to my Memorial on the new German Hymn book embodied in the Minutes of the Synod held at Harrisburg in 1859.

While I have no control over the use and introduction of the new German Hymn book, and cheerfully acquiesce in Synod's action as far as the book itself is concerned: yet, as the compiler of said hymn book and the owner of the stereotype plates and the copy right, I must respectfully dissent from an extraneous condition which is attached to the act of adoption as it now stands. I mean the claim of $1000 set up by the printing firm of Messrs. Kieffer & Co, at Chambersburg, against Synod after the first adoption of said hymn book at the Synod of Harrisburg in October 1859 and not relinquished by them since, although the act of adoption was repealed by the Synod of Lebanon in 1860.

I respectfully protest against the pecuniary claim as unjust and extravagant for the following reasons among others:

1. Because the Hymn book, when freely offered to the Synod at Harrisburg with the benefit of the usual copy money after the prayment of the expenses, was not a publication of the Synod, but a private publication prepared and issued under my own name and at my exclusive risk, and hence not subject to the provisions of the contract existing between Synod and M. Kieffer & Co., the preceding Synod at Frederick, 1858, having by an express resolution unconditionally dissolved the German Hymn book Committee and all connection with the work.

2. Because neither the large edition of said Hymn book which was the only one published at the time of the first adoption, nor the small edition which was not published till May 1860, that is, nearly eight months after the adoption, nor both combined, can by any reasonable calculation produce a net profit of $1000 before the expiration of the contract between Synod and Kieffer & Co., in 1863, and if so, it would be manifestly unjust to aleniate all such profits from the author and the Synod in favor of a business firm which had no labor and risk in the preparation and publication of said hymn book and shown no favor towards it.

3. Because a number of Classes held in the spring of 1860 protested against this very claim, and for this reason mainly requested Synod to reconsider its action concerning the adoption of the book.

4. Because the Synod of Lebanon held in 1860, in compliance with the request of the protesting Classes and in consideration of the non-submission of said Hymn book to the Classes for concurrent action, repealed the act of adoption and thus suspended within the limits of its jurisdiction the further introduction of the hymn book for the time being, thus still more diminishing the chance of realizing from the copy money the amount of the claim of Messrs. Kieffer & Co.

My object in publishing the new German Hymn book at my own responsibility, and in offering to Synod the usual copy money of ten per cent per copy sold, was to relieve the Synod of all risk and to promote its benevolent interests. It would therefore be manifestly inconsistent, if I would consent to be a party to an arrangement which in all probability will result in an actual loss to Synod for the period of the contract between it and the firm of M. Kieffer & Co. It is the sole object of this paper to relieve myself from a false position in which I would place myself by such consent or silent acquiescence.

But in case the printing firm should be willing to relinquish their claim, I am willing to do any thing reasonable to satisfy both the Synod and the firm. With the view, therefore, of closing this whole controversy in an honorable and mutually satisfactory way, I lay before Synod for its consideration the following propositions subject to the sole condition of the relinquishment of said claim of Messrs. Kieffer & Co., against Synod:

1. I am willing to transfer to Synod all my claim and title to the copy right and plates of both editions of the German Hymn book at such reasonable price as three disinterested persons may fix upon; while the present publishers by virtue of their articles of agreement with me are bound to sell their stock on hand to Synod at cost, whenever she chooses to buy.

Synod then can make any arrangement with Messrs. Kieffer & Co. she may deem proper without regard to me.

2. My next proposition is, in case the preceding one be not acceptable, to stereotype, at my own expense and risk, a third edition of the German Hymn book of medium size and under a distinct denominational title, and to allow Messrs. Kieffer & Co., the exclusive manufacture and sale of said edition.

3. If both these propositions be rejected by the firm, I will agree as a compromise to allow the firm through Synod one half of the copy money on all copies from the first of January 1862 to the first of January 1864, the other half to go into the Treasury of the Synod with a due allowance for the Western Synod which likewise adopted the book.

Either of these propositions will relieve the act of adoption of all objectionable features and secure the Synod against all risk of loss.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP SCHAFF.

Easton, October 2nd, 1861.

Rev. Frederick A. Rupley, from the Classis of Maryland, appeared and took his seat as an advisory member.

Rev. Dr. Elias Heiner, in consequence of indisposition, obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the sessions.

The order of the day for this morning at half past 9 o'clock, the election of the different Boards and delegates to Corresponding bodies, was deferred until this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The following communication was received from the Trustees of the Synod:

The Board of Trustees would respectfully nominate the Rev. Daniel Gans and Benjamin Bausman, as candidates to fill the vacancy in the Board, according to the provisions of the charter.

WILLIAM HEYSER, *In behalf of the Board.*

The presence of Rev. John R. Agnew, of the Presbyterian Church was announced.

The Synod resolved itself into a committee of the whole, with Rev. John Beck in the chair, to continue the consideration of the two reports from the Committee on the Liturgy.

The discussion was continued until near the hour of adjournment, when the committee arose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again, which report was adopted.

The following statement was received from the Widows' Fund Society, and ordered to be entered on the Minutes:

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States.

"REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN:—The undersigned have been instructed by the Board of Trustees of the Society of the "Contributors to the fund for the relief of Ministers and their Widows in the United States," to request Synod, respectfully, to allow the following statement of the affairs of said society, to be incorporated with its minutes:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Rev. J. Rebaugh, J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., B. C. Wolff, D. D., E. Heiner, D. D., W. F. Colliflower, E. V. Gerhart, D. D., T. H. Leinbach, I. Gerhart and J. H. Derr.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD AND SOCIETY.

Rev. J. Rebaugh, *President;* Rev. B. Bausman, *Vice-President;* B. C. Wolff, D. D., *Treasurer;* Rev. J. H. Derr, *Secretary.*

AMOUNT AND CONDITION OF THE FUNDS.

These amount to about thirty-five hundred dollars, which are properly secured to the Society and are bearing interest at the rate of six per cent.

OBJECT OF THE SOCIETY.

The object of this society, is to afford pecuniary relief to such fathers and ministers of our Church as may, by the infirmities of age and toil, have become disabled from the active exercise of the Gospel ministry, and who may be in circumstances to need such relief, and to such widows of deceased ministers as may be left in straitened pecuniary circumstances.

PROSPECTS OF THE SOCIETY.

In addition to the funds already secured to the society, the same has been informed of several legacies of considerable amount, which are in prospect for it.

WAYS IN WHICH THE EFFICIENCY OF THE SOCIETY MAY BE PROMOTED.

1.) Ministers may aid the Society in this direction, by becoming members of the same, which is done by signing the Constitution of the Society, paying an initiation fee of five dollars, and thereafter a contribution of three dollars per year.

2.) Ministers can further aid the Society, by taking up collections in their congregations, soliciting contributions from

benevolent individuals toward the increase of the permanent fund of the Society, and by inducing others to remember the Society in their will at death.

3.) Congregations and individual members of the Church can aid the Society by constituting their ministers, members of the same, and thus increasing its funds, and by such ways as are suggested in the foregoing paragraphs.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN REBAUGH, *President.*

JOSHUA H. DERR, *Secretary,*

Adjourned. Doxology and Benediction by the President.

WEDNESDAY, October 22nd, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Singing and Prayer by Rev. Joseph G. Shoemaker.

A communication was received from the Widows' Fund Society, and another from the Rev. Dr. Philip Shaff, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

The Committee on Overtures submitted the following report which was received and disposed of item by item:

The Committee on Overtures beg leave to report as follows:

The documents placed in our hands are five in number:

1, Is a petition from the Theological Students at Mercersburg, praying Synod to remove temporarily the Theological Seminary, to Lancaster city, or some other place, less exposed than Mercersburg to personal danger and disturbance of study caused by Rebel invasions.

2. Is a communication signed by twenty four persons, students and recent graduates of the Theological Seminary, pronouncing as wholly unfounded, the charge that any undue influences are and have been used to introduce liturgical views and services into the Seminary.

3. Is a communication from the English section of the York congregation, containing the following items:

a.) A complaint against the action of Zion's Classis in exonerating from censure, a committee appointed to instal the pastor of the York German charge.

b.) An appeal from the action of Zion's Classis in appointing Rev. D. Ziegler as supply of the York German charge.

c.) A request to be heard in the matter of the reconsideration of Synod's action at its last meeting in sustaining the appeal of the English section of the York congregation from the action of Zion's Classis.

4. Is a communication from the officers of the Widows' Fund Society, requesting Synod to instruct Rev. Albert Helfenstein, Jr., to pay the Funds of said Society in his possession, to the officers of the Society.

5. Is a communication from Rev. P. Schaff, D. D., requesting Synod to grant him leave of absence for two or three months during the coming year, to enable him in case he should see fit, to accept an invitation from the Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Andover, Mass., to deliver a course of lectures on Church History in that Institution.

Respectfully submitted,

W. K. ZIEBER, *Chairman.*

Item 1. The request contained in this item, was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Lewis D. Leberman, John Beck, and Elder John Meily.

Item 2. Adopted.

Item 3. The communication reported in this item was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Dr. John H. A. Bomberger, Franklin W. Kremer, and Elder Martin Rickenbaugh.

Item 4. In reference to the request contained in this item, it was.

Resolved, That the Rev. Albert Helffenstein, Jr., be instructed to transfer to the officers of the Widows' Fund Society, the funds of said society now in his hands, as desired by its officers.

The report of the Committee on Overtures was laid on the table for the present.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes submitted the following report:

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the various Classes connected with this Synod, would respectfully submit the following report:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

1.) The Classis of East Pennsylvania failed to report the place of its next annual meeting.

2.) The Classis of Mercersburg received the Rev. Alexander S. Vaughan from the Classis of North Carolina, without a certificate of dismission from said Classis.

3.) The Classis of Goshenhoppen received the Rev. George W. Aughinbaugh from the Classis of Virginia, without a certificate of dismission from said Classis.

4.) The Classis of New York dismissed the Rev. William Meyer, but do not say to what ecclesiastical body they dismissed him.

5.) The Classis of Clarion failed to report the hour of its next annual meeting.

6.) The Classis of New York failed to report the hour of its next annual meeting.

7.) The Classis of East Susquehanna failed to furnish a copy of its minutes.

8.) The Classis of Lebanon furnished no statistical report.

9.) The Classis of Maryland declines to pay its full apportionment of the expenses of Synod, but is willing to pay its former apportionment, which was $80,00.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1.) Zion's Classis requests Synod to reconsider its action at its last annual meeting, in the matter of the Appeal of the English portion of the York congregation, assigning reasons on the ground of which they think this request should be granted.

2.) The Classis of Maryland requests Synod to take "some more definite action than simply passing resolutions from year to year, in regard to the delinquencies of the various Classes, touching the Theological Seminary and all other Synodical assessments."

3.) The same Classis requests Synod "to decrease its expenditures, whenever practicable, without detriment to its general interests."

4.) The same Classis re-affirms its action of last year on the subject of a Liturgy.

5.) The Classis of Mercersburg expresses, by resolution, its regret that there will no progress probably be made, in the revision of the Provisional Liturgy, and "respectfully re-iterates its views on this subject, expressed at its last annual meeting, and expresses the hope, that Synod will take decisive measures at its next annual meeting, to have the desired revision of the Liturgy effected, with as little delay as possible, so that the work may soon come into authoritative use in the Church."

III. APPEALS.

An appeal on the part of the English section of the congregation at York, Pa., from the decision of Zion's Classis, which appointed the Rev. Daniel Ziegler as a supply of the German section of the said congregation.

IV. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

1.) Eleven of the Classes took action on the subject of an Orphan Asylum. Their action is as follows:

ZION'S CLASSIS.

"*Resolved*, That this Classis heartily concurs in the sentiments expressed in the Synodical Report upon the consistency and propriety of an Orphan Asylum. The word of God, the example of the Church, history, and the promptings of Christian charity, teach the duty of beneficence toward the orphan children of the Church. It is humiliating, therefore, that we as a denomination have not thus far engaged in an enterprise so laudable and so good.

Resolved, That while we do not doubt the propriety of this enterprise, we are not fully satisfied that it is at the present time feasible. The multiplicity of interests claiming our attention and drawing upon our resourses, would, we think, make the success of such an undertaking exceedingly problematic.

Resolved, That while we thus doubt the feasibility of this undertaking, we shall heartily concur in any measures that Synod may hereafter adopt, for the establishment of such an Orphan Asylum."

MARYLAND CLASSIS.

"*Resolved*, That, as a Church, we are unprepared at the present juncture of affairs, to enter upon the establishment of an institution of the character proposed."

PHILADELPHIA CLASSIS.

"Though Classis deems this a matter of great importance, and regards it the duty of the Church to look after the orphans within its limits, yet feels the present pecuniary circumstances of the Church will not permit us at this time, to collect money for such an institution; but should Synod, by private and individual contributions, be placed in a condition to establish such an asylum, without involving us financially, we would heartily approve of it."

MERCERSBURG CLASSIS.

"*Resolved*, That in view of the importance of an Institution such as is here contemplated, this Classis respectfully urges upon Synod the work of devising some plan through which an Orphan Asylum may be established."

GOSHENHOPPEN CLASSIS.

"*Resolved*, That we as a Classis feel and acknowledge the importance of having an Orphan Asylum, tha the Church may more fully discharge her duty towards her poor, especially orphan poor; yet in view of the pressing claims of the dif-

ferent benevolent institutions, we, as a Classis, are not at present prepared to advise the establishment of an Orphan Asylum.

"*Resolved*, That in the judgment of this Classis, it would be well for Synod to enjoin upon its ministers, the duty of keeping the proposed Asylum prominently before the people, so that the way may soon be opened for the establishment of such an institution."

NEW YORK CLASSIS.

"*Resolved*, That the Classis acknowledge the importance and propriety of such an Institution, and would do all she can to support it, and would recommend to Synod to call on the Church, by a circular, and point out a plan.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

(No action.)

EAST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS.

(No minutes.)

WEST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS.

"*Resolved*, That if Synod sees its way clear, without involving itself in pressing indebtedness, or has the assurance that well disposed and charitable persons can be found, who will give of their substance to this great cause, so that it will require no pledge from Classis, we would heartily approve of it."

CLARION CLASSIS.

"*Resolved*, That inasmuch as Synod has sent down to the Classes a request, that they should express their views as to the feasbility of the establishment of an Orphan Asylum, Clarion Classis still entertains its previously expressed convictions of the need of such an institution, established and carried forward by the Church, and that Synod be respectfully requested to take active steps in the way of inaugurating such an enterprise, whenever in its wisdom it may deem the proper time for such action to have come."

ST. PAUL'S CLASSIS.

"*Resolved*, That Synod be respectfully requested to make such arrangements, that the whole subject in all its features and bearings, be brought before the Church, either through her periodicals or otherwise."

LEBANON CLASSIS.

"Much as we see and feel the necessity and importance of having an institution for the poor, and so follow the example of our Saviour, in having a special regard for the suffering in body as well as for the ills of the soul, yet in the present state

of political trials as well as financial troubles, we deem it inexpedient to do anything in the matter for the present."

2.) The Classes of Mercersburg, Philadelphia and East Pennsylvania, adopted the addition of another column to the statistical table, to insert the benevolent contributions. The other Classes took no action on the subject.

3.) The Classes generally acceded to the request of Synod, in regard to the subjects of Missions and Beneficiary Education.

V. LICENSURE, ORDINATION, RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSIONS.

1.) East Pennsylvania Classis received Rev. G. F. Jahncke, from the Presbytery of Buffalo.

2.) Lebanon Classis received the Rev. D. W. Wolff, from the Classis of East Susquehanna, and dismissed the Licentiate D. B. Albright to the same Classis.

3.) Zion's Classis received the Licentiate D. E. Klopp, from the Lancaster Classis and ordained him to the holy ministry.

5.) Maryland Classis licensed Mr. Edmund Erb and Mr. John A. Peters, to preach the gospel, and dismissed the Rev. W. E. Krebs to the Mercersburg Classis, and received the Rev. F. A. Rupley from the latter Classis.

5.) The Philadelphia Classis received the Rev. J. P. Pfister, from the Orange Classis of the Dutch Reformed Church, the Rev. Henry Miller, from the East Susquehanna Classis, and the Licentiate J. Dahlman, from the Mercersburg Classis, and ordained him to the holy ministry.

6.) Mercersburg Classis dismissed Rev. F. A. Rupley to the Maryland Classis, the Rev. W. H. Super to the Westmoreland Classis, licensed Mr. Rheinhard Schwedes to preach the gospel, and dismissed him to Miami Classis, Synod of Ohio; dismissed the Rev. John G. Wolff to the Lancaster Classis; licensed Mr. Jacob Dahlman to preach the gospel, and dismissed him to the Philadelphia Classis; licensed Mr. Jacob B. Kerschner, and received the Rev. A. L. Vaughan from the North Crrolina Classis.

7.) Goshenhoppen Classis received the Rev. C. Z. Weiser, from the West Susquehanna Classis, and licensed Mr. W. G. Engel to preach the gospel.

8.) The New York Classis licensed Mr. C. A. Hoching to preach the gospel, and received the Licentiate Edmund Erb from the Maryland Classis, and ordained both to the holy ministry.

9.) Lancaster Classis dismissed the Licentiate G. M. Albright to Tiffin Classis, Synod of Ohio, and the Rev. J. W. Hoffmeier to the Maryland Classis; licensed Mr. D. E. Klopp

to preach the Gospel, and dismissed him to the Zion's Classis, received the Rev. John G. Wolff from the Mercersburg Classis, and ordained the Licentiate George Kurtzman to the holy ministry.

10.) The West Susquehanna Classis licensed and ordained Mr. Aaron R. Hottenstein, and Mr. John K. Millet, to the holy ministry, and dismissed Rev. C. Z. Weiser to the Classis of Goshenhoppen.

11.) St. Paul's Classis received the Rev. Caspar Scheel from the Classis of Mercersburg, and the Rev. Abner Dale from the Classis of Clarion.

12.) The Maryland Classis deposed Rev. F. A. Hertzberger from the holy Ministry.

13.) Lebanon Classis restored to the active exercise of the ministry, the Rev. Herman Bokum.

14.) Philadelphia Classis struck from the list of her ministers the name of the Rev. G. E. Gramm, for connecting himself in an irregular manner with another denomination.

VI. ANNUAL MEETINGS OF CLASSES.

1.) East Pennsylvania Classis holds its next annual meeting in the Hamilton church, Monroe county, Pa. Rev. I. K. Loos, *President;* Rev. John Gantenbein, *Stated Clerk.*

2.) Lebanon Classis holds its next annual meeting at Bernville, Berks county Pa., on Friday after Ascension day, 1863, at 7 o'clock in the evening. Rev. J. E. Hiester, *President;* Rev. George Wolff, *Stated Clerk.*

3.) Zion's Classis holds its next annnual meeting in Carlisle, Pa., on the second Friday in May, 1863, at 7 o'clock in the evening. Rev. D. Gring, *President;* Rev. E. H. Hoffheins, *Stated Clerk.*

4.) Maryland Classis holds its next annual meeting in Manchester, Carrol county, Md., on Friday evening preceding the third Sunday in May, 1863. Rev. D. Zacharias, D. D., *President;* Rev. W. F. Colliflower, *Stated Clerk.*

5.) Philadelphia Classis holds its next annual meeting in Christ's Evangelical Reformed Church, Philadelphia, on the first Tuesday after Whitsuntide, at 7½ o'clock in the evening. Rev. N. Gehr, *President;* Rev. S. H. Giesy, *Secretary.*

6.) Mercersburg Classis holds its next annual meeting at Martinsburg, Blair county, Pa., on Friday before the third Sunday in May, 1863, at 7½ o'clock in the evening. Rev. B. Bausman, *President;* Rev. W. M. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk.*

7.) Goshenhoppen Classis holds next annual meeting at Pennsburg, Montgomery county, Pa, on the second Friday before Ascension day, 1863, at 7 o'clock in the evening. Rev.

A. L. Dechant, *President;* Rev. N. S. Strassburger, *Stated Clerk.*

8.) New York Classis holds its next annual meeting in Rochester, N. Y., on Wednesday after Whitsuntide, at 7½ o'clock in the evening. Rev. J. F. Busche, *President;* Rev. O. Lohr, *Secretary.*

9.) Lancaster Classis holds its next annual meeting at New Providence, Lancaster county, Pa., May 29, 1863, at 7½ o'clock in the evening. Rev. A. H. Kremer, *President;* Rev. F. A. Gast, *Stated Clerk.*

10.) East Susquehanna. (No Minutes.)

11.) West Susquehanna Classis will hold its next annual meeting in Mifflinburg, Union county, Pa., on the third Thursday in May, 1863, at 7 o'clock, in the evening. Rev. Israel S. Weisz, *President;* Rev. D. G. Klein, *Stated Clerk.*

12.) Clarion Classis will hold its next annual meeting in Trinity Church, near Troutsville, Clearfield county, Pa., on the last Thursday in May, 1863, hour not stated. Rev. H. Daniel, *President;* Rev. J. G. Shoemaker, *Stated Clerk.*

13.) St. Paul's Classis will hold its next annual meeting, in London, Mercer county, Pa., on the first Thursday in June, 1863. Rev. L. D. Lebermsn, *President;* Rev. L. J. Mayer, *Stated Clerk.*

The Committee, in closing their report, would respectfully suggest to Synod the propriety of urging upon the various Classes, an improvement in the copies of their Minutes to be transmitted to this body, in the future, and especially to have them properly paged, and to have the statistical tables summed up. It would lighten the labors of the committee on this subject, and on Religion and Statistics.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA H. DERR, *Chairman.*

The report was received, and then laid on the table, to admit of taking up the order of the day for this afternoon at 3 o'clock, the election of the different Boards and delegates to Corresponding Bodies. The Synod accordingly proceeded to the election. Elders John P. Reed, George C. Welker and Henry Berge, were appointed tellers, who received the ballots and retired in order to make out their reports.

The Synod proceeded to elect a person to fill the vacancy occurring in the Board of Trustees of Synod. Elders John Meily and William D. Gross, were appointed tellers, who received the ballots, and retired in order to make out their report.

The report of the Committee on Overtures was again taken up.

Item 5. The request reported in this item, was referred to the committee, to whom was referred the request reported in Item 1.

The report of the Committee on Overtures was adopted as a whole.

The Synod resolved itself into a committee of the whole, with Rev. George W. Aughinbaugh in the chair, to continue the consideration of the two reports from the Committee on the Liturgy. The subject was discussed until the hour of adjournment, when the committee arose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again, which report was adopted.

Adjourned to meet this evening at 7 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff.

WEDNESDAY, October 22nd, 7 o'clock, P. M.

Singing and Prayer by Rev. William H. Groh.

The tellers of the election held on the afternoon of to-day reported the following result:

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

German Reformed Synod of Ohio and adjacent States.—Rev. Thomas G. Apple, *primarius*, and Rev. Joshua H. Derr, *secundus*.

General Assembly of Presbyterian Church (N. S.)—Rev. Dr. Emanual V. Gerhart, *primarius*, and Rev. Charles F. McCauley, *secundus*.

German Lutheran Ministerium of Pa.—Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff, *primarius*, and Rev. Dr. Benjamin S. Schneck, *secundus*.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The following members of the former Board were retained: William Heyser, George Besore, Henry Ruby, Joshua Motter, David Zeller, George Cook, Charles Hartman, Daniel W. Gross, David Hensell, George Z. Kunkel, George P. Etchberger, Adam B. Wingerd, Barnard Wolff, Martin Rickenbaugh, James Cashwa, Stephen B. Kieffer, and John W. Coon. In the place of the one whose name is omitted, Dr. John McDowell, of Mercersburg, Pa, was elected.

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The following members of the former Board were retained: Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Fisher, Daniel G. Bragonier, John Re-

baugh, Amos H. Kremer, Charles F. McCauley, Dr. Henry Harbaugh, Jacob Hassler, Frederick A. Rupley, Thomas G. Apple, Joseph W. Santee, and Benjamin Bausman. In the place of the one whose name is omitted, Rev. Isaac G. Brown was elected.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The following members of the former Board were retained: Rev. John Rebaugh, Frederick A. Rupley, Samuel Philips, and Messrs. John Lambert, James Nill, Lyman S. Clark, Jacob Heyser, and John Bowman. In the place of the one whose name is omitted, the Rev. Thomas G. Apple was elected.

BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS,

From the Classis of East Pennsylvania.—Rev. John Beck, and Daniel Y. Heisler.

" " *Lebanon.*—Rev. Franklin W. Kremer and Charles F. McCauley.

" " *Zion.*—Rev. Jacob O. Miller, and Theodore P. Bucher.

" " *Maryland.*—Rev. John S. Foulk, and William F. Colliflower.

" " *North Carolina.*—Rev. Jeremiah Ingold and Thornton Butler.

" " *Philadelphia.*—Rev. Dr. John H. A. Bomberger and Nicholas Gehr.

" " *Virginia.*—Rev. George H. Martin and Daniel Feete.

" " *Mercersburg.*—Rev. John Rebaugh and Thomas G. Apple.

" " *New York.*—Rev. John F. Busche and Dedrich Willers.

" " *Goshenhoppen.*—Rev. Daniel Weiser and N. S. Strassburger.

" " *Lancaster.*—Rev. Isaac Gerhart and Daniel Gans.

" " *East Susquehanna.*—Rev. Albert G. Dole and William Goodrich.

" " *West Susquehanna.*—Rev. Charles H. Leinbach and Israel S. Weisz.

" " *Clarion.*—Rev. Joseph H. Apple and Joseph G. Shoemaker.

" " *St. Paul.*—Rev. David B. Ernst and Samuel N. Callender.

From the Church in General.—Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh, Theodore Appel, Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart, John G. Wiehle,

Samuel H. Giesy, Peter S. Davis, Samuel G. Wagner, and Messrs. Daniel W. Gross, Charles Santee, and John Weist.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

OFFICERS.—Rev. Dr. Elias Heiner, *President* and *Treasurer*; Rev. Daniel Ziegler, *Recording Secretary*; and Rev. Dr. Bernard C. Wolff, *Corresponding Secretary*.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—The following members of the former Board were retained: Rev. Dedrich Willers, Dr. Daniel Zacharias, William F. Colliflower, John S. Foulk, and Messrs. John Rodenmayer, John Keafauver, Joseph K. Milnor, and Goldsboro S. Griffith. In the place of the one whose names is omitted, George W. Herring was elected.

The Committee to make arrangements for the Ter-centenary celebration of the Heidelberg Catechism, submitted the following report:

Your committee has continued during the year to attend to the work which Synod has committed to its care, and are happy to be able to report, that they have been successful in making the preliminary arrangements necessary to the solemn commemoration of the three hundredth anniversary of the formation of the Heidelberg Catechism.

The necessary number of Essays and Memoirs, the reading and discussion of which, are to constitute the main features of the Convention to be held on the 19th of January, 1863, have been secured. Eminent theologians in the fatherland have already sent on their contributions, accompanied with kind words of approval and encouragement, as Drs. Ebrard, Ullman and Hundeshagen. Other contributions are promised, and still expected; those to whom the committee have written, but whose engagements were such as to prevent them from accepting the invitation extended, have declared their hearty approval of the object, expressed their interest in it, and assured us of their sympathy and communion in the spirit of the occasion.

From a number of our brethren at home, we have also promises, that contributions shall be furnished in accordance with the plan heretofore approved by Synod. The Committee have found warm and earnest co-operation, in its labors in completing this part of its arrangements, receiving assurances of the warmest interest from all with whom their duties required them to correspond on the subject. It is believed that all arrangements necessary to make this feature of the commemoration interesting and profitable, have been so far successfully made.

It now yet remains for the Committee to propose to Synod some plan for carrying out the second feature of the commemoration. It is proposed to make the whole Ter-centenary year an occasion for the presentation of free-will offerings on the part of every member in full communion with the Church. In order to effect this object, it is simply necessary to take such measures, as well as bring the matter, in a clear and earnest manner before every Classis; through the Classis before every charge and congregation; through each congregation into every Sunday-school and family, and through these to every member, every parent, and every child. To effect this object we present the following plan:

Each Classis is directed to hold a special meeting on or before the 25th of December, 1862, the object of which shall be to make all necessary preliminary arrangements to accomplish effectually within their bounds the objects in view. At this meeting the Classes shall attend to the following matters:

1. Provide for the representation of each charge by the pastor or pastors, and at least one lay-member from each congregation, in the Convention to be held January 19th, 1863.

2. Take measures for bringing the nature of the commemoration before the people, in a general way, as early as possible in the year.

3. Devise a definite and feasible plan or plans for bringing the grounds upon which a memorial free-will offering is expected, directly and definitely home to the mind and heart of all the adult members, and every child—through the pastors, consistories, Sunday-school superintendents and teachers, and parents; that thus all, and especially children, may have the whole year before them in which to gather their offerings.

4. Make such arrangements as will secure the special commemoration of the event contemplated in this Ter-centenary year in each charge, in concert with all the charges in the Church. Where a charge is composed of several congregations, it is expected that there will be on such day a general meeting of all, in one of its central congregations. The day for this concert of commemoration shall be Trinity Sunday, being May 31, 1863. A discourse on the general subject ought also to be delivered in each congregation of such charges as are composed of more congregations than one.

5. Require that each congregation make a full and regular register in two separate columns, one containing the names of the confirmed; and the other the names of the baptized and as yet unconfirmed members; and place the sums contributed over against the name of each one. A copy of this congregational register must be furnished to Classis, that it may be able

to present to the Synod in October, 1863, the names of all the donors with their donations within their bounds; which record will also, at the same time, be for posterity, a full and accurate census of the Church as it stood in the memorial year.

6. The Classes are requested to direct their pastors at all times, and on all proper occasions, publicly on the pulpit, and privately in families, to refer to this commemoration year; and use all diligence to spread the needed light on the subjects connected with it, that the zeal of the people may be awakened to its proper commemoration.

7. In connection with the main features of the plan, and in such a way as shall not interfere with the concert of the celebration throughout the Church, the Classes as well as pastors and congregations, will devise any measures for the benefit and success of the occasion, which shall in their view seem adapted to give it interest and render it edifying to all.

9. Such members of the Church, whom God has blessed with means, and who have intentions in any measure to include the Church among their heirs, should be encouraged to make this memorial year the occasion in which to secure such legacies to the Church by formal Will.

In all the endeavors to carry out the true purposes of this Ter-centenary festival, so far as it pertains to the free-will offerings, several things should be particularly kept in mind.

First of all, care should be taken to enlist the interest of EVERY ONE. Not a single man, woman, or child must be overlooked. The offering of a single penny from a poor child must be honored with the same sacred respect as the princely offering of hundreds and thousands of the rich. The opportunity of giving must be offered to all—TO ALL.

It must be clearly impressed upon the minds and hearts of all, that this is not a collection of money *from* them, but an offering *by* them. It must be distinctly told to the people that it is a FREE-WILL OFFERING. It is not to be insisted upon that it is their *duty* to give, but that it is their *privilege* to give. They are invited to give only what their own willing hearts move them to give. The people must be exhorted to give what they do give, from heart-felt gratitude, in view of the good they have received from God by means of the Heidelberg Catechism, and through the Church of the Heidelberg Catechism.

The people should be reminded, how, by wholesome self-denial and prudent Christian economy, during this sacred memorial year, they may enjoy the blessed pleasure of making their free-will offering large and honorable. The young, and children especially, should be taught by their pastors, and by their parents, that it is their reasonable, and Christian duty to

deny themselves by their own will and consent, of some of those bestowments which they are wont to receive from kind parents, and which, though proper for them on ordinary occasions to enjoy, are not actually necessary, but may be dispensed with, so that the amount of their cost or value may be used to enlarge their free-will offerings. Not only may their offerings, by this means be made more honorable; but the lesson which they will thereby learn, may prove to them a wisdom and a benediction through all their after life.

On entering upon this Ter-centenary Jubilee, the Church ought to consider well what it is undertaking, and endeavor to elevate its mind and heart to the greatness and grandeur of occasion and the event, which it proposes thus to honor. By entering upon it the Church solemnly binds itself, by all the memories of its own history, by all its professed love for its own symbolical standard, by all its obligation to sincerity in the offering of such a sublime festal service to God, and by its own self-respect, when thus solemnly acting in the presence, and under the judging eye of the whole Christian world, to raise itself to a spirit and life in some honorable measure adequate to the occasion. Let the Church throw its devout, joyous, and zealous energies into all that it proposes to do in this festival year. Let it thus commend and endear to its children of coming generations, the symbol which we shall soon hand over to their love and care, by its own example of attachment manifested in this grateful commemoration of its origin and history. It needs but the exercise of wisdom, zeal and faith on our part, and that blessing of the divine Head of the Church, which He will most surely vouchsafe unto us, to make this festival year an occasion of joy and strength to the Church, the good fruits of which may bless our children and children's children.

H. HARBAUGH, *Chairman.*

The report was received, and laid on the table for the present.

The Synod resolved itself into a committee of the whole with the Rev. Jacob O. Miller in the chair, to continue the consideration of the two reports from the Committee on the Liturgy. After some discussion, the committee arose, and reported to Synod the following action for its adoption:

WHEREAS, It appears after full discussion of the subject, that the way is not open for the Synod to take any farther action in regard to the Provisional Liturgy, therefore

Resolved, That the optional use of it, as heretofore allowed among our churches, be suffered still to continue till the end of ten years from the time of its first publication, and that the

le question of its revision be now indefinitely postponed.

he report was received, and adopted by the following vote

'eas and Nays:

'eas—J. H. Dubs, J. Beck, W. A. Becker, T. C. Leinbach, Ieily, W. K. Zieber, S. Kuhn, J. O. Miller, E. H. Hoffheins, Lupfer, R. A. Lyttle, J. S. Foulk, W. E. Krebs, J. H. Wag- J. Rodenmayer, M. Rickenbaugh, S. G. Wagner, P. S. is, S. H. Giesy, W. Earnest, W. D. Gross, B. Bausman, H. kerman, W. Heyser, D. P. Miller, H. Ruby, J. P. Reed, G. Aughinbaugh, W. R. Yearick, E. V. Gerhart, D. Gans, J. Nevin, D. Lefever, S. Welshans, A. G. Dole, C. A. Ritten- se, W. H. Groh, J. K. Millet, F. J. Mohr, J. S. Shade, J. hoemaker, H. F. Hartman, L. D. Leberman—Yeas 43.

'ays.—F. W. Kremer, J. E. Hiester, P. Shafer, J. H. A. iberger, C. Wannamacher, S. R. Fisher, B. S. Schneck, J. augh. G. Besore, O. Lohr, G. C. Welker, W. Meyer, H. t—Nays 13.

'on Liquet.—J. H. Derr.

'esolved, That a committee of three be appointed, to whom pplications for absence shall be made before they can re- e the attention of the Synod. Rev. John Rebaugh, Jona- n E. Hiester and Elder John Rodenmayer constitute this mittee.

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he report of the committee on the Ter-centenary celebra- of the Heidelberg Catechism, was taken up and disposed em by item, amended and adopted.

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he tellers of the election to fill the vacancy occurring in Board of Trustees of the Synod, reported that it resulted he choice of the Rev. Benjamin Bausman.

djourned. Doxology and Prayer by Rev. J. Henry Dubs.

THURSDAY, October 23rd, 9 o'clock, A. M.

inging and Prayer by Elder George Besore.

he minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and adopted.

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he subject embraced in the report of the Committee on the -centenary celebration was taken up. The following resolu- s were adopted:

esolved, That thirty thousand copies of this report be printed, ract form, ten thousand in the German and twenty thousand he English language.

Resolved, That the expenses of publication be defrayed out of the proceeds of the Ter-centenary celebration.

Resolved, That each minister in the Church be instructed to read this report to his people from the pulpit.

The action of Synod on the place of holding the Ter-centenary General Synod, was deferred until this afternoon.

The committee to whom was referred the application of the candidate George Seibert for reception as a member of Synod, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee to whom the applicant Dr. George Seibert, was referred, would report,

That they have examined his papers, and find that he is a regular licentiate of the Evangelical Reformed Church of Hesse, and also that in Christian character and motive he is worthy of our confidence. We would therefore recommend him to Synod for reception, in order that he may be placed under the care of Mercersburg Classis, and by them may soon be ordained to the field of labor, from which he has now a call.

Respectfully submitted,

H. RUST, *Chairman.*

The Rev. Herman Rust, delegate from the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, took leave of Synod in some appropriate remarks, which were properly responded to by the President.

Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff submitted to Synod, papers prepared by Rev. Dr. Ullmann and Hundeshagen for the contemplated Ter-centenary celebration of the Heidelberg Catechism. The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That these papers be placed in the hands of the committee on the Ter-centenary Celebration of the Heidelberg Catechism, and that they be authorized to provide for the translation of these and similar papers that may come into their hands, into the English language.

Resolved, That the committee be instructed to provide for the publication of all the memorial papers of the Ter-centenary Celebration, in both the German and English languages.

Resolved, That the ministers of the Church be requested to make earnest and suitable efforts to obtain subscribers for the proposed works, and forward them to the Chairman of the Ter-centenary Committee on or before the 15th day of January next.

Resolved, That this Synod, having received a certain number of essays from leading theologians of Germany, as contributions to the Memorial Volume of the Ter-centenary year, return their most cordial thanks to those distinguished gentlemen severally, for the favor thus conferred by them on the German Reformed Church in this country, and order that a copy of the proposed Memorial Volume be respectfully forwarded to each of them, as a token of our affectionate regard.

Resolved, That the Chairman of the committee on the Ter-centenary Celebration be instructed to forward this action to the authors of the several memorial papers referred to in it.

The committee to whom was referred the papers from the students of the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg and the Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff, submitted their report, which was received, amended, and adopted, and is as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of the students of the Theological Seminary, and the request of Dr. Shaff, would respectfully offer the following as their report:

1. As regards the request of the students, for the temporary removal of the Seminary, your committee is of the opinion, that the danger of another raid of the enemy is not at present so imminent as to warrant or justify the removal of the Seminary; still we would recommend the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Theological Seminary be authorized to make special provision for carrying forward its operations temporarily elsewhere in case the necessity for such a measure should occur.

2. In regard to Rev. Dr. Schaff's request for leave of absence from the Seminary for two or three months, to deliver a course of lectures on Church History in the Theological Seminary at Andover, your committee recommends the following resolution:

Resolved, That Dr. Schaff's request be granted, and that in case he should accept of the invitation referred to, the Board of Visitors be authorized to make such arrangements as will prevent the regular course of studies in the Seminary from being seriously interrupted.

Respectfully submitted,

L. D. LEBERMAN, *Chairman.*

The following additional resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Theological Seminary be instructed to have the Library of said Seminary removed from Mercersburg, in case they deem such a measure necessary for its safety.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, we have observed every year Synod meets, that, in the midst of the business and before its close, frequent applications are made for leave of absence, endangering the prospect of having a quorum and leaving important business to be transacted by a few, therefore

Resolved, That the different Classes be requested to send only such delegates to Synod as are willing to remain during the entire sessions of Synod.

Adjourned. Singing and Prayer by Rev. Franklin W. Kremer.

THURSDAY, October 23rd, 2 o'clock, P. M;

Singing and Prayer by Rev. Jeriah S. Shade.

Synod proceeded to fix upon the time and place for holding its next annual sessions, when it was

Resolved, That when this Synod adjourns, it adjourn to meet at Carlisle, Pa., on the third Wednesday of October, A. D. 1863, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Rev. John K. Millet, William R. Yearick, T. Calvin Leinbach, Joseph G. Shoemaker, John H. Wagner, and Elders John Meily, William Meyers, Charles Wannamacher, and George Besore, obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the sessions.

The Committee on Publication submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Publication respectfully submit the following report:

From the report of the Board of Publication referred to your committee, it appears that the interests of the Printing Establishment have been well sustained during the past year. The business department has been conducted with satisfactory results. The Establishment has not only withstood the pressure of the times, growing out of the disturbed condition of our country, but it has decreased the amount of its liabilities. The assets, it is true, are $1,025 36, less than they were one year ago, but the liabilities are not so great as they then were by $2,466 34, showing that the indebtedness of the Establishment is $1,440.99 less than it was at the last annual meeting of Synod.

There has been an increase of 44 in the number of subscribers to "Messenger." The "Kirchenzeitung" has not been so successful, its present subscription list being 154 less than it was a year ago. The interests of the Church, and the abounding wickedness of the times, demand more than ordinary efforts to increase the circulation of our Church Papers. Your committee would, therefore, recommend for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That our Ministers and Elders be requested to renew their efforts to increase the circulation of the "Messenger" and "Kirchenzitung."

With respect to the suggestion of the Board of Publication, that Synod adopt measures to secure, at an early day, the publication of a Church Almanac, your committee respectfully recommend that Synod renew its request on this subject made at its annual sessions, held in Frederick city four years ago, viz.

"That the present Publication Board prepare and publish such an Almanac, inasmuch as we think there is no risk in getting up such a work."

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. AUGHINBAUGH, *Chairman.*

The resolutions presented by the committee on the Tercentenary celebration of the Heidelberg Catechism, in reference to the memorial of the committee from the Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, laid on the table on Saturday morning's session, were taken up and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes was taken up item by item, and disposed of as follows:

IRREGULARITIES.

Item 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 were adopted. In reference to items 2 and 3, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That in view of the circumstances connected with these cases, it being impossible, in the present state of the country, for these brethren to procure certificates of dismission, the action of the Classes be approved.

In reference to item 9, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Classis of Maryland has labored under a wrong apprehension in regard to the cause which gave rise to the increased assessment made by the last Synod.

Resolved, That this Synod cannot release the Classis of Maryland from its obligation to pay the balance due on the assessment made by the last Synod.

REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

No. 1. Laid on the table until the committee, to whom the papers from the York congregation were referred, shall have reported.

No. 2 Laid on the table until the Committee on the Theological Seminary report.

Nos. 3, 4 and 5 were adopted.

APPEALS.

The appeal reported was referred to the committee to whom the papers from the York congregation were referred.

SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

No. 1. In reference to this item, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS, The several Classes of this Synod to which the establishment of an Orphan Asylum was referred, all concur as to its importance and desirableness, but regard the pressing claims for other interests, which are now languishing for want of support, growing out of our national troubles, as interposing great, if not insuperable difficulties in the way of founding and putting into successful operation such an Asylum, therefore,

Resolved, That we will keep this whole subject steadily before us with a view of seizing upon the first favorable opportunity of discharging our duty towards those of our own household of faith who are berett of their parents, and provide for them a *home*, where, under the fostering care of suitable persons, they may grow up an honor to themselves, a blessing to society, and an ornament to the Church.

No. 2. In reference to this item, it was

Resolved, That the request be renewed to those Classes which have failed to introduce the column.

The remaining item under this head was adopted.

LICENSURE, ORDINATIONS, RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSIONS.

The several items under this head were adopted.

ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE CLASSES.

The several items under this head were adopted.

The report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes was adopted as a whole.

Elder William Heyser was elected Treasurer of Synod.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the choice of a place for holding the meeting of the Convention of the whole Church in January next, be com-

mitted to the committee on the Ter-centenary celebration, in conjunction with the committee of the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States on the same subject.

The matters relating to the York congregation were made the order of the day for this evening at 7 o'clock

Adjourned until 7 o'clock this evening.

Doxology and Prayer by Rev. John M. Titzel.

THURSDAY, October 23rd, 7 o'clock, P. M.

Singing and Prayer by Rev. William K. Zieber.

The following report, submitted by the Committee on Finance, was received and adopted:

The Committee on Finance would respectfully report:

That they have carefully examined the account of the Treasurer of Synod, comparing it with the vouchers, and find the account to be correct. The amount of receipts into the Treasury during the year is $1,237.69, and the expenditures $1,125.-83, leaving a balance in the Treasury of $111.86.

Notwithstanding the repeated resolutions of Synod, calling the attention of the several Classes delinquent on the assessments for Contingent purposes, to the amount of their indebtedness, and the earnestness with which the Synod has urged the necessity of its immediate payment, the most of the Classes referred to have given the subject but little or no attention. This is certainly to be deeply regretted, betraying, as it does, not only a want of proper respect for the authority of Synod, but also a culpable disregard of their pecuniary obligations to the Church. In reference to this subject, the committee would submit the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the attention of the several Classes delinquent on the assessments, for Contingent purposes, be once more respectfully called to their indebtedness, and that they be earnestly urged not to permit their next annual meetings to pass by, without *making* proper arrangements for the *immediate discharge of their pecuniary* obligations to this Synod.

The indebtedness of the Synod for the publication of the Minutes is $529.41
To this amount is to be added an estimate of the expenditures for the coming year, which may be set down at 900.00

This will leave $1,429.41 to be provided for. The committee accordingly make the following assessments, including the balances due from several of the Classes, to meet the demands that will be made upon Synod's Treasury:

		New.	*Old.*	*Total.*
East Pennsylvania	Classis,	$80.00	$320.00	$400.00
Lebanon	do.	70.00	34.64	104.64
Zion's	do.	80.00	39.00	119.00
Maryland	do.	80.00	40.00	120.00
Philadelphia	do.	55.00	100.00	155.00
Virginia	do.		77.00	77.00
Mercersburg,	do.	80.00		80.00
Goshenhoppen	**do.**	**55.00**	**61.81**	**116.81**
New York	**do.**	**15.00**		**15.00**
Lancaster	do.	60.00	158.75	218.75
East Susquehanna	do.	40.00	75.00	115.00
West do.	do.	40.00	7.25	47.25
Clarion	do.	30.00	Less am't overpaid last year,	8.97
St. Paul	do.	20.00		20.00
		$705.00	$913.45	$1,597.42

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Chairman.*

The committee to whom was referred the papers from the York congregation, submitted their report. It was received, and adopted item by item, and is as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the overture from the English section of the York congregation, beg leave to report that the paper makes two complaints against some actions of Zion's Classis, and a petition in reference to a request made by Zion's Classis, touching the action of the Synod of Easton (1861) on the York case.

The overture complains:

1. That a committee, appointed for the purpose by Zion's Classis, organized the York German charge, whilst an appeal against the organization, by the English section, was pending.

From all they have been able to learn in regard to the matter, your committee is of opinion that the committee of the Classis did not violate any constitutional rule, in the case, and that the Classis was justified in approving the action of its committee.

2. That the Classis of Zion is proceeding irregularly, in appointing a supply for certain German congregations.

Your committee knows of no rule forbidding the renewed appointment of such supplies.

3. The overture asks Synod not to grant the prayer of the Classis of Zion, for a reversal of the action of the Synod of Easton (1861) on the case of the York congregation, without first hearing the English section of the congregation on the subject.

As this point will come before Synod in the Report on the Minutes of Classes, we have no action to propose in the case.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. A. BOMBERGER, *Chairman.*

The request of the Classis of Zion to Synod, to reconsider its action at Easton, Pa., sustaining the appeal of Elder Israel Laucks, laid upon the table, was taken up. The following preamble and resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS, It is not now deemed expedient to reöpen an adjudicated case, therefore

Resolved, That the request of Zion's Classis be laid on the table.

The following preamble and resolution were also adopted:

WHEREAS, The protracted contention between the two sections of the first German Reformed church of York, Pa., is seriously retarding the growth of our beloved Zion in that town, therefore

Resolved, That this Synod earnestly and affectionately urge the two sections of said congregation, as speedily as possible, to effect an amicable division of the church property held by both parties, with the view of procuring a separate house of worship for each section, and thus bring this unpleasant strife to a close.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary submitted its report. It was received, taken up item by item and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Theological Seminary, beg leave to report as follows:

It is indeed no ordinary mark of Divine favor, that, in the greatly disturbed and critical condition of our country, our Theological Seminary, though located so near the seat of the present war, has been permitted to go forward with its usual operations, during the past year, without any interruptions. Even its financial operations have not suffered any in consequence of the distracted condition of things around us. It is to be hoped, that the spirit of increased liberality which has shown itself in all parts of our country, in furnishing aid and comfort to the suffering and distressed, and also to those who have taken up the arms of their country, and have gone forth in its defense, may be carried forth in a corresponding spirit of liberality, in a Christian way, in sustaining all the benevolent institutions so necessary to the spiritual growth and welfare of the Church.

The Board of Trustees again call the attention of the Synod to that old debt, which has so long encumbered the Church, and which still remains unpaid. This debt is increasing in magnitude, by accumulating interest, and should be cancelled as soon as possible. About one-seventh only of the Synodical apportionment, to which Synod called the attention of delinquent Classes one year ago, has been paid. The Board also inform us, that the Seminary buildings and fences enclosing the ground, have all been repaired, and will require no further expenditure for some time to come. There remains also a considerable amount of interest on Plainfield Bonds unpaid, and the Board suggests that Synod adopt some measures to secure a more punctual payment of these interests.

The Theological Tutorship has been going forward with zeal, but the amount of interest received from the fund to carry forward this enterprise, has not been sufficient to pay the salary.

It is gratifying to learn, that the income from dividends and investments, is a little larger than last year.

The report of the Board of Visitors is very encouraging. From it we learn, that the condition and prosperity of the Seminary is unusually good; a larger number of students were connected with it during the past year, than at any previous time. The Examinations of the students were attended and approved; and they gave evidence of proper diligence and progress in study, whilst their conduct and Christian deportment have been of a becoming character.

The Board has also the direction of Beneficiary Education under its care; and from their report we learn, that they were obliged to effect several loans during the past year, in order to carry forward this interest, and meet its engagements to the beneficiaries. The Treasury is in great need of additional

funds, and the attention of the Church cannot too positively be directed to this subject, in order that the pressing demands may be met, and its operations successfully go forward.

The Board also inquires of Synod, whether some arrangements could not be made with the Board of Missions, or in some other way, by which fields of labor can be found for young brethren who enter the ministry from the Seminary, in the absence of any other arrangements.

The committee do not feel themselves able to suggest any particular plan, by which the wishes of the Board could be met, and hope that some provisions will be made by which this desirable end can be secured.

The committee submit the following resolutions for adoption, as embodying the action required by the several items brought to its attention, in the reports placed in its hands:

Resolved, That this Synod once more call the attention of the delinquent Classes, to the Synodical apportionment, voluntarily assumed by them seven years ago, and most earnestly enjoin upon them to adopt such measures as will secure the prompt and immediate payment of their just dues.

Resolved, That Synod instruct the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, to have its Treasurer issue a circular to each individual in arrears for interest on the Plainfield Bonds, urging immediate payment.

Resolved, That Synod require that all the bonds for pledges given in support of the Theological Tutorship, be placed in the hands of the Treasurer.

Resolved, That Synod request the different Classes within its bounds, to adopt such measures as will best secure a more permanent and regular support of the cause of Beneficiary Education.

H. HECKERMAN, *Chairman.*

The following additional resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of Synod be instructed to furnish the different Classes with blank bonds, to be executed by them to the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, covering the amount severally pledged by them to the Theological Tutorship Fund.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to carry out the suggestion of the Board of Visitors in regard to securing fields of labor for young men leaving the Seminary. This committee consists of the Rev. Samuel H. Giesy, Nicholas Gehr and Elder Charles Santee.

The Committee on Missions submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Missions, respectfully reports as follows:

Your committee have learned with pleasure, from the report of the Board of Domestic Missions, that the blessed work committed to their hands, has been carried forward during the year, with vigor, and a good measure of success. Our missionaries have been faithful and persevering in their work, and the gifts and prayers of the Church have not been in vain on their behalf. Many of our scattered sheep, especially in the far West, have been sought out, and gathered into the fold of Christ, and are now statedly led into the rich pastures of His grace, and by the still waters of His peace and love. Several new missions have been established during the year, and supplied with faithful missionaries, and give promise of encouraging success.

We have to lament however, that owing to the unhappy condition of the country, several of our missionary stations have experienced more or less serious detriment. The mission in Martinsburg, Va., had to be abandoned altogether. From the last intelligence received some months ago from Rev. E. Böhringer, it would seem that he is still prosecuting his labors in Norfolk and Richmond, Va., but, it may be feared, with but limited success, under present trying circumstances.

What is particularly needed in our Church at this time to carry forward the work with greater efficiency and success, is funds—these are more in demand even than men. Had we the means, we might procure the services of faithful and promising young men, who have recently concluded their studies in our Seminary. We need, therefore, to have poured out upon the Church in a larger measure the spirit of missions, to move the Church to contribute more fully and liberally towards prosecuting this blessed cause.

In view of God's blessing which has thus far attended this department of religious effort, we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That, in deep humility and with devout gratitude, we acknowledge the goodness and mercy of the Great Head of the Church, in crowning with His blessing, our efforts in extending His holy cause, and breaking unto the destitute the bread of life. Also—

Resolved, That the cause of Domestic Missions, be again earnestly commended to the prayers and hearty support of our ministers and people.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

From the report of our beloved brother and fellow-laborer, Dr. B. Schneider, we learn that the Aintab Mission in Syria, is still in a growing and promising condition. During the year

sixty-two persons were added to that church, which now numbers about 350 communicant members. The average attendance upon the regular Lord's day services, is about 1,000, and the average attendance in the Sabbath School, including the teachers, was, during the year, 1,250.

Dr. Schneider communicates the highly gratifying intelligence, that the time is near at hand, when the Aintab Mission will be self-sustaining. The mission is even now served almost entirely by native pastors, who are supported by the people. The neighboring churches, established by Dr. Schneider and others, are represented as in a flourishing condition, and the whole region, is rapidly being brought under the influence of a pure Christianity.

Your committee is particularly impressed with the very encouraging liberality of the church in Aintab. Many churches within the bounds of this Synod, much larger and far more wealthy, do not contribute a tithe of what is given by this mission church. May their noble example "provoke us to love and good works."

In regard to this mission, we recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Synod has heard with devout gratitude to God, of His gracious favor bestowed upon the church in Aintab, in crowning the efforts of our missionary, and those of his fellow-laborers, with such rich and complete success.

Resolved, That we commend anew, Dr. Schneider and his work in Syria, to the hearty sympathy and prayers of our people, and earnestly solicit on his behalf, and for the furtherance of his great work, more liberal and enlarged contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. KREMER, *Chairman.*

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That, having enjoyed, during unusually protracted sessions, the marked kindness of the members of the German Reformed congregation, and other churches of Chambersburg, this Synod shall bear in grateful remembrance their Christian hospitality, and pray that the blessings of His grace, who has said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me," may abundantly rest upon them and their families.

Resolved, That the *Pastor loci* be instructed to read this resolution of thanks from the pulpit of this church, and send a transcript thereof to the other Pastors of the place, with a request to read it to their people.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be requested to return the thanks of this Synod to the following railroad companies: Cumberland Valley, Northern Central, Pennsylvania Central, and Lebanon Valley, for having allowed its members to pass over their various roads at half fare.

Resolved, That it be made the duty of the President of Synod, to make arrangements with the railroads leading to the place of meeting, for passing its members over them at reduced fare.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have 3,000 copies of the proceedings of this Synod, duly authenticated, published in the English language, and 2,000 copies in the German language, and distributed according to the rule adopted at the last annual meeting.

Resolved, That both the majority and minority reports of the Committee on the Liturgy, be omitted from the published Minutes.

The Roll was called, and none were found absent without excuse, except Rev. Joshua H. Derr and P. Seibert Davis.

The minutes were read and adopted, and ordered to be engrossed.

Adjourned with Singing, Prayer and the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

E. V. GERHART, *President*.

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk*.

A true copy from the original Minutes.

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk*.

CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

Ministers.	Congr.	Charges.	Memb.	Un. M.	Bapt.	Confir.	Certif.	Comm.	Exco.	Dismi.	Deaths	S.Sch.	No. of Scho's	Benev. Cont.	Post Office Addresses.
Charles G. Herman,		Without charge,													Maxatawny, Berks county, Pa.
Joseph S. Dubs,	4	Egypt, &c.,	1400	800	164	108		1397			71	10		$90.00	North White Hall, Lehigh co., do
John Zülich,*	6	Jacobs, &c.,	1200	900	145	34		800			60	15			Steinsville, do do
William A. Helfrich,	8	Ziegel, &c.,	1500	1600	175	200		1000			70	8			Fogelsville, do do
J. S. Herman,	8	Kutztown. &c.,	1500	1400	160	80		1250			90	10			Kutztown, Berks county, do
Charles Becker,	7	Chesnut Hill, &c.,	500	420	134	71		370		8	81	9			Fennersville, Monroe county, do
C. G. Eichenberg,*	6	Weisport, &c ,	600	400	150	30		300			50	12	325		Weisport, Carbon, county do
Cyrus J. Becker,	3	Catasauqua, &c.,	550	600	79	8		410			20	5		$50.00	Catasauqua, do
Alfred J. Herman,	8	Zion, &.,	950	420	160			900			80	15		$22.00	Maxatawny, Berks county do
Daniel F. Brendel,	5	Farmersville,	716	800	76	35		476			33	6			Bethlehem, Northampton co., do
Isaac K. Loos,	3	Mt. Bethel,	670	650	56	9		400			27	9		$95.48	Richmond, do do do
John Beck,	1	Easton,	600	400	53	1	3	500			28	2			Easton, do do do
Joshua H. Derr,*	3	Allentown, &c.,	450	320	85	10	5	260			15	3			Allentown, Lehigh, do do
Levi K. Derr,*	2	Tamaqua, &c.,	400	475	73	42		300			26	2			Tamaqua, Schuylkill, do do
Daniel Y. Heisler,	3	Bethlehem, &c.,	690	650	54	22	2	570		2	39	3		$317.68	Bethlehem, Northampton do do
E. W. Reinecke,	3	Plainfield, &c.,	900	800	80			650			44				Nazareth, do do do
F. Strassner,	4	Wilkesbarre, &c.,	250	125	41		3	175			14	4			Wilkesbarre, Luzerne do do
John Gantenbein,	6	Kreidersville,	1250	1265	49	65		980			45	6			Kreidersville, Northampt. co., do
John W. Lescher,		Teacher,													Easton, do
W. R. Bofford,		Licentiate,													Allentown, Lehigh county, do
George B. Dechant,	2	Hamilton, &c.,	216	164	14	81		148		2	21	2		$32.00	Stroudsburg, Monroe co., do
J. Henry Dubs,	3	Allentown, &c.,	1350	1400	138			1000		4	73	5		$139.00	Allentown, Lehigh county, do
Abraham Bartholomew,	1	Nazareth,	50	40	3	8		39			2	1			Newharts, Northamp. county, do
John G. Jahncke,	1	Oxford Furnace,	100	110	15		4	62			7				Oxford Furnace, N. J., do
Vacant,	3	Lower Saucon, &c.,	600	700	50	40		500			25	3			

*Report of last year.

CLASSIS OF LEBANON.

MINISTERS.	Congregat.	CONGREGATIONS OR CHARGES.	Members.	Un. Mem.	Baptized	By Confir.	Certificate	Commun.	Excom'ted	Dismissed	Deaths	S. Schools	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.		
Philip Mayer,		Without charge,											Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county,		Pa.
John Gring,*	4	Fredericksburg,	400					301				3	Fredericksburg, Lebanon	do	do
Thomas H. Leinbach,	7	Tulpenhocken,	1425		88	63		930			35	6	Meyerstown, do	do	do
Isaac Miese,*	6	Bern,	1300					1215				10	Lower Bern, Berks	do	do
Augustus L. Herman,	9	Hamburg,	1300		225	138		1220			80	15	Reading, do	do	do
Franklin W. Kremer,	2	Lebanon,	825	700	88	51	19	550		15	18	2	Lebanon, Lebanon	do	do
Henry Harbaugh, D. D.	1	Lebanon,	109	81	12	7	19	107		6	5	1	Lebanon, do	do	do
Henry Wagner,	5	Orwigsburg,	346		43	39		284			23	5	Orwigsburg, Schuylkill	do	do
Jacob Klein,	5	Millersville,	1112	500	148	32		812			60	12	Schuylkill Haven, do	do	do
Aaron S. Leinbach,	2	First church, Reading,	1150		203	112		1050			123	3	Reading, Berks	do	do
Charles F McCauley,	1	Second do do	200		16	15	4	190			13	1	Reading, do	do	do
Jacob D. Zehring,	3	Host,	700	500	74	25		483			52	7	Bernville, do	do	do
William A. Good,	2	Tremont,	48		10			30			5	2	Reading, do	do	do
Samuel Miller,	3	Pottsville,	325		53	18	10	325			20	3	Pottsville, do	do	do
Abraham Romich,*	3	Jonestown,	275					200				3	Jonestown, Lebanon	do	do
Jonathan E. Hiester,	5	Palmyra,	425	300	25			338	1			4	Annville, do	do	do
George Wolff,	3	Meyerstown,	590	295	51	42	17	480		6	19	1	Meyerstown, do	do	do
Thomas C. Leinbach,	3	Bernville,	650		90	57		450			38		Womelsdorf, Berks	do	do
David W. Wolff,	1	Schuylkill Haven,			6	13					2	1	Schuylkill Haven Schuyl.	do	do
Vacant,	1	Hamburg,	72			12						1	Hamburg, Berks	do	do

* No report

Ministers.	Congre.	Congregat'ns or Charges.	Memb.	Inc. M.	Baptized	Conf.	Certif.	Commu.	Dism'd.	Excom.	Deaths.	Sab S.	Pup. S.S.	Post Office Addresses.
Daniel Ziegler,	3	Creutz Creek charge,	400		65	40		325			45	4		York, York county, Pa.
Jacob Sechler,	4	Littlestown,	525		72	3		490			22	4		Littlestown, Adams county, do
Frederick W. Vandersloot,	5	Windsor charge,	340	250	92	53		285			24			York, York do do
Daniel Riegel,	5	Dillsburg,	350	200				347						Dillsburg, York do do
George Leidy,		Without charge,												Carlisle, Cumberland do do
Jacob Ziegler,	4	Conowago charge,	301		33			296	4		26	4		Gettysburg, Adams do do
William C. Bennet,		Without charge,												Boiling Springs, Cumb. co., do
Samuel Kuhn,	6	Bloomfield,	375	229	24	17	6	280	3		12	5	133	N. Bloomfield, Perry county, do
David Bossler,	5	Liverpool charge,	250	125	24			183			20	5		York, York do do
Emanuel H. Hoffheins,	5	Abbottstown,	550	400	67	14	8	525	2		30	6		Abbottstown, Adams do do
Jacob O. Miller,	1	York (English),	400		28	10	5	275			10	3	400	York, York do do
Daniel Gring,	6	Shrewsbury,	445		70			445			37	8		Shrewsbury, York do do
Julius Kurtz,	4	Emanuel's,	500		63	26		490			31	4		Hanover, do do do
T. P. Bucher,	3	Gettysburg,	547		46	22	23	547	10		31	3	295	Gettysburg, Adams do do
William M. Reily,		Tutor in Theo. Seminary,												Mercersburg, Frank. do do
W. K. Zieber,	2	Hanover,	598	490	43	35	9	500	3		18	3	250	Hanover, York do do
J. M. Mickly,		Without charge,												Lancaster, Lancaster do do
A. R. Kremer,	4	Mechanicsburg,	207	105	5	8		150			5	3		Mechanicsburg, Cumb. co., do
George E. Addams,	4	Sulpher Spring,	216	131	8	11	2	180	3		4	8		Carlisle, do do
Henry Mosser,	4	Landisburg,	325		53	20	11	280			20	5		Landisburg, Perry county, do
Samuel Philips,	1	Carlisle,	313	209	30	35	16	261	1		8	1	280	Carlisle, Cumberland do do
Jacob Kehm,	4	Paradise,	750	550	49	31		580			36	7		East Berlin, Adams do do
David E. Klopp,	2	Zion's,	315					271				2		Blain, Perry do do
W. K. Zieber, supply,	1	Bartholomew's,	37		3			37			5	2		
William C. Bennet, supply,	3	Chesnut Grove, &c.,	45		15			45						

CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

Ministers.	Cong.	Congregationns or Charges	Mem.	U. Me.	Bapt.	Confi.	Certi.	Comm	Dism.	Excom.	Deaths	S. Sch.	P. of S S	Post Office Addresses.		
Elias Heiner, D. D.,	1	First church, Baltimore,	310	260	13	4		310	3		11	2		Baltimore,		Md.
Vacant,	1	Second do do												do		do
John S. Foulk,	1	Third do do	238	171	20	4	4	197	2		12	1		do		do
John Külling,	1	Fourth do do	520	300	150	22	28	433	30		58	1		do		do
Daniel Zacharias, D. D.,	1	Frederick city,	440	500			2	400			55	2		Frederick city,		do
Frederick A. Rupley,	1	Middletown,	410	380	25	8	3	370	4		15	4		Middletown, Frederick county,		do
John H. Wagner,	2	Hagerstown charge	275	220	35	26	2	250	2		23	2		Hagerstown, Washington,	do	do
Mortimer L. Shuford,	3	Mt. Moriah do	121	82	14			112			11	2		Sharpsburg, do	do	do
Henry Wissler,		Without charge,												Manchester, Carroll	do	do
Vacant,	6	Manchester charge,	645	489		6		535				6		do do	do	do
Walter E. Krebs,	2	Emmitsburg charge,	283	212	17	18	3	242	2		7	2		Emmitsburg, Frederick	do	do
Joseph W. Santee,	4	Cavetown do	390	180	16	1	1	380	1		36	4		Cavetown, Washington	do	do
William F. Colliflower,	3	Jefferson do	333	343	16	1	1	318	1		9	4	150	Jefferson, Frederick	do	do
Moses A. Stewart,	1	Burkettsville do	107	72	15	2		104			2	1		Burkettsville, Frederick	do	do
	1	Silver Run, do*	375		38	49		270			21	2		Silver Run, Carroll	do	do
John B. Pörner,	1	Second church, Hagerstown,	110	125				70				1		Hagerstown, Washington	do	do
Peter A. Schwartz,	1	St. John's church, Frederick,	105					80				1		Frederick, Frederick	do	do
Vacant,	2	Boonsboro' charge,	140					110				2		Boonsboro', Washington	do	do
Jesse Steiner,	4	Glade do	432	413	31	7	4	412	2		3	3		Walkersville, Frederick	do	do
William Ida,	1	Fifth church, Baltimore,	100		176	13		100			93			Baltimore,	do	do
Henry I. Comfort,	4	Mechanicstown charge,	257	215	17	11	2	213	2		11	2		Mechanicstown, Frederick	do	do
John G. Fritchey,	5	Taneytown do	375	275	46	27	7	330	1		13	5		Taneytown, Carroll	do	Md.
Benjamin Schneider,		Foreign Missionary,												Aintab, Syria		
	2	Clearspring charge,†	150	100	14	15	5	130	3		8	2		Clearspring, Washington	do	do
Emanuel T. C. Boehringer,	1	Norfolk Mission,												Norfolk Va.		

Without charge :—Robert Douglas, William H. Zimmerman, Geo. L. Staley. Licentiates :—John A. Peters, Edmund Erb.

* Supplied by Rev. J. Sechler. † Supplied by Rev. J. Rebaugh.

CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

Ministers.	Congr.	Congregations or Charges.	Membs.	U. Memb.	Baptiz'd.	Confirm.	Certific	Commu.	Excom.	Dismiss.	Deaths.	Sab. Sch.	Post Office Addresses.	
John C. Hensell,	5	Rockingham,	257					200				4	Mt. Crawford,	Va.
Daniel Feete,	3	Woodstock,	190					190				5	Woodstock,	do
Daniel G. Bragonier,	2	Martinsburg,	137					137				1	Edenburg,	do
George H. Martin,	1	Loudon,	110					110				1	Lovettsville,	do
Henry St. John Rinker,	4	Mill Creek,	255					255				3	Hamburg,	do
John H. Crawford,	3	Middlebrook,	158					158				1	Middlebrook,	do
	2	Central,	43					43				1		
J. M. Titzel,	2	Shepherdstown and Winchester,	145					135				2	Mechanicsburg,	do
Charles Cast,	1	Martinsburg, (German,)	112					112				1	Hagerstown, Md.	
Vacant,	1	Pendleton,												
do	1	Central,												

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Ministers.	Congr.	Congregations or Charges.	Membs.	U. Memb.	Baptiz'd.	Confirm.	Certific.	Commu.	Excom.	Dismiss.	Deaths	Sab. Sch.	Post Office Addresses.	
George Boger,		No charge,											Klutt's Tanyard,	N. C.
John Lantz,	3	Newton,	157					157					Newton,	do
	2	Lincolnton,	154					154						
G. William Welker,	3	Guilford,	305					305					Brick church,	do
Jeremiah Ingold,	8	Catawba,	99					99					Lincolnton,	do
Thornton Butler,	3	East Rowan,	280					280					Gold Hill,	do
Samuel J. Fetzer,	5	West Rowan,	262					262					Eufaula,	do
P. Allison Long,	8	Davidson,	312					312					Midway,	do

Vacant: Newton; Friendship 24 members; Stoner's 40 members.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Ministers.	Congre.	Charges.	Members	Un. Mem.	Baptized	Confir.	Certifie.	Commun.	Excom.	Dismiss	Deaths	Bene. Con't.	S. Schools	Post Office Addresses.
Samuel Helffenstein, D. D.,		Superannuated,												Gwynedd, Montgomery co., Pa.
J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D.,	1	Race Street,	321		11	11	18	288		10		$2570,94	3	No. 723 Wood Street, Phil'a. do
Nicholas Gehr,	1	Zion's	574	350	200	24	27	334		13	60	105,00	1	No. 1230 North 6th Street do do
J. G. Wiehle,	1	Salem,	765	572	405	72	128	1078			110	197,00	3	No. 530 St. John Street do do
Samuel G. Wagner,	1	Boehms,	190		3	15	2	184		1	4	63,36	1	Blue Bell, Montgomery co. do
Jesse B. Knipe,	4	Pikeland,	150		15	6		150					3	Chester Springs, Chester co. do
Alfred B. Shenkle,	3	Trappe,	540		24	18	1	430			17	112,26	3	Trappe, Montgomery do do
William Sorber,	3	Brownbacks,	300		32	45		300			6		5	Vincent, Chester do do
N. S. Aller,	2	Pleasantville,	135			5		135	1		2		1	Pleasantville, Bucks do do
William G. Hackman,	1	Wentz.	230		19	12	12	160			3	6,00	1	Kulpsville, Montgomery do do
P. Seibert Davis,	1	Church of the Ascension,	120		19	11	7	96			3		1	Norristown, do do do
Samuel H. Giesy,	1	Christ Church,	82	50	6	1	29	76		1	4		1	No. 2043 Wallace Street, Phil'a do
J. G. Neuber,	1	Bethlehem's,	234	325	40	13	21	234			13	15,00	3	No. 1304 Howard do do do
J. P. Pfister,	1	Zion's												Egg Harbor city N. J.
Jacob Dahlman,	1	Emanuel's	40					40					1	West Philadelphia, Pa.
Jesse B. Knipe, supply,	1	St. Vincent,	112		5	1		108					1	
Samuel G. Wagner, do	1	White Marsh,	107		6	2		84			3		1	
N. S. Aller, do	1	St. Peter's,	61					61					1	
Alfred B. Shenkle, do	1	Phoenixille,	79		14	23	1	70				4,84	1	
J. G. Neuber, do	1	Bridesburg,												
Samuel Helffenstein, Jr.,		Without charge,												Blue Bell, Montgomery co., do
John S. Ementrout,		do do												Reading, do
Charles Lukens,		do do												Frankford, do
E. M. Long,		do do												Norristown, do
George D Wolff,		do do												do do
Charles W. Schultz,		do do												Camden, N. J.
John R. Kooken,		do do												Trappe, Montgomery co., Pa.

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

Ministers.	Congr.	Congregat'ns or Charges.	Memb.	U. M.	Bapti.	Confir.	Certif.	Comm.	Dism.	Exco.	Deaths	S. Sch.	P.S.S.	Contr.	Benev.	Post Office Addresses.
Philip Schaff, D. D.,		Prof. in Theolog. Seminary,														Mercersburg, Franklin co., Pa.
Bernard C. Wolff, D. D.,		do do do														do do do
Samuel R. Fisher, D. D.,		Ed. of Ger. Ref. Messenger,														Chambersburg, do do
Benj. S. Schneck, D. D.,	1	2d ch. Chamb'g., Ed. Kir.,	73	106	14	2	4	73	2	1	9	1	30		$10,00	do do do
John Rebaugh,	1	Middleburg charge,	100	120	14	11	3	85	4		7	1			36,00	Greencastle, do do
Theobald Fouse,	5	Woodcock Valley do	506	667	55	25	4	495			18	4				James Creek, Hunt. do
Henry Heckerman,	2	Bedford do	282	260	25	13	6	275	5		7	2	80		70,00	Bedford, Bedford do
Jacob Hassler,	3	Martinsburg do	180	160	16	1		167				1	60		40,00	Martinsburg, Blair do
William M. Deatrick,	3	Yellow Creek do	184	255	26	9	8	175	6		13	3	100		112,50	Pattonsville, Bedford do
Samuel H. Reid,	3	Huntingdon do	274	336	16	5	3	274			2	4				Huntingdon, Hunt. do
Nicholas E. Gilds,	5	St. Clairsville do	540	775	49	23	2	470		2	14	3				St Clairsville, Bedford do
Joseph Hannabery,	3	Schellsburg do	306	240	25	4	1	136	8		1				14,07	Schellsburg, do do
Charles F. Hoffmeier,	3	McConnellsburg do	120					110			2	3				McConnellsburg, Fult. do
Isaac G. Brown,	2	Mercersburg do	233	184	17	19	13	227	4		4	2	70		60,00	Mercersburg, Franklin do
Thomas G. Apple,	2	Greencastle do	349	340	18	11	6	280	2		14	2				Greencastle, do do
Benjamin Bausman,	1	Chambersburg do	320	400	8	2	12	275	6		9	1	250		84,81	Chambersburg, do do
John Ault,	2	Loudon & St. Thomas do	295	240	38	18	3	255	4		6	2	140		33,00	Loudon, do do
William R. H. Deatrick,	4	Grindstone Hill do	263	258	25	15	8	223			14	4	350		49,00	Chambersburg, do do
George R. Zacharias,	4	Strasburg do	170	150	44	19	7	150	2		17	2	150			Upper Strasb'g, do do
Alexander S. Vaughan,	1	Shippensburg do	168	104	9	11	7	168					70			Shippensburg, do do
Vacant,	3	Waynesboro' do	300	200	7	17	1	270	3		3	1				
do	3	Friend's Cove do	260	300	14	15	2	260			6	1			46,00	
do	4	Waterstreet do	316	330	30	16		316								

Without Charge: Jacob Mayer, Lock Haven, Clinton co., Pa.; Daniel M. Giles, Orbisonia, Huntingdon co., Pa.; Joseph S. Loose, Greencastle, Pa.; George W. Glessner, Shippensburg, Pa. *Licentiates:* C. Beecher Wolff, Greencastle, Pa.; Josiah May, Rainsburg, Bedford co., Pa.; Jacob B. Kerschner, Germany, Europe. *Superannuated:* Frederick A. Scholl, Greencastle, Pa. W. D. C. Rodrock, Chap. 47th Reg. P. V. *Candidates for the Ministry*, 8.

CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

Ministers.	Congrega.	Charges.	Members.	Unc. Mem.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Certificate	Communi.	Excommun.	Deaths.	Sa. Schools.	Post Office Addresses.	
Daniel Zeller,		Superannuated,										Allentown, Lehigh co.,	Pa.
John S. Kessler, D. D.,	3	Upper Milford, St. Peters, &c.	169		31	9		110		7	4	do do	do
Daniel Weiser,	2	New Goshenhoppen and Swamp,	1000	1300	80	47	3	1082	1	28	4	Pennsburg, Montgomery co.	do
C. Z. Weiser,		Assistant,										do do	do do
P. S. Fisher,	5	Tohickon, Indianfield, &c.	1150					918			15	Sellersville, Bucks	do do
Samuel Hess,	6	St. Paul's, Jerusalem, &c.	900		106	75		802		48	7	Hellertown, Northampton	do do
L. C. Herman,		Without charge,										New Hanover, Montg'y.	do do
Wm. Philips,		do do										Easton, Northampton	do do
William R. Yearick,	2	Hilltown and Doylestown,	258		45	7	16	248	1	15	3	Line Lexington, Bucks	do do
G. W. Aughinbaugh,	2	Reiglesville and Upper Tinicum	89					80				Reiglesville, Bucks	do do
N. S. Strassburger,	5	Pottstown, Amity, Limerick, &c.	750	675	84	108		612		98	7	Pottstown, Montgomery	do do
A. L. Dechant,	4	Keelers, Boyerstown, &c.	640	785	76	27	1	497		43	6	Frederick, do	do do
A. J. G. Dubs,	6	Saucon charge,	900		143	58		675		66	10	Allentown, Lehigh	da do
D. Rothrock,	4	Durham charge,	750	650	108	32		540		34	7	Bucksville, Bucks	do do
R. A. Van Court,	6	Falkoner Swamp, &c.	1130		93	34		902		54	7	Upper Hanover, Montg'y	do do
P. P. A. Hoffman,	2	Friedensburg and Princetown,										Oley, Berks	do do
W. G. Engel,	1	Hill church (Assist.)										Boyerstown, Berks	do do
Vacant,	3	Zion's, Ridge Road, &c.											
	1	New Williams township,*	140					100					

Supplied by Rev. D. F. Brendle.

Ministers.	Congr.	Congregations or Charges.	Membs.	U. Memb.	Baptiz'd.	Confirm.	Certific	Commu.	Excom.	Dismiss.	Deaths.	Sab. Sch.	Post Office Addresses.	
John C. Hensell,	5	Rockingham,	257					200				4	Mt. Crawford,	Va.
Daniel Feete,	3	Woodstock,	190					190				5	Woodstock,	do
Daniel G. Bragonier,	2	Martinsburg,	137					137				1	Edenburg,	do
George H. Martin,	1	Loudon,	110					110				1	Lovettsville,	do
Henry St. John Rinker,	4	Mill Creek,	255					255				8	Hamburg,	do
John H. Crawford,	3	Middlebrook,	158					158				1	Middlebrook,	do
	2	Central,	43					43				1		
J. M. Titzel,	2	Shepherdstown and Winchester,	145					135				2	Mechanicsburg,	do
Charles Cast,	1	Martinsburg, (German,)	112					112				1	Hagerstown, Md.	
Vacant,	1	Pendleton,												
do	1	Central,												

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Ministers.	Congr.	Congregations or Charges.	Membs.	U. Memb.	Baptiz'd.	Confirm.	Certific.	Commu.	Excom.	Dismiss.	Deaths	Sab. Sch.	Post Office Addresses.	
George Boger,		No charge,											Klutt's Tanyard,	N. C.
John Lantz,	3	Newton,	157					157					Newton,	do
	2	Lincolnton,	154					154						
G. William Welker,	3	Guilford,	305					305					Brick church,	do
Jeremiah Ingold,	8	Catawba,	99					99					Lincolnton,	do
Thornton Butler,	3	East Rowan,	280					280					Gold Hill,	do
S[illegible]uel J. Fetzer,	5	West Rowan,	262					262					Eufaula,	do
S[illegible]llison Long,	8	Davidson,	312					312					Midway,	do

P. Vacant: Newton; Friendship 24 members; Stoner's 40 members.

CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

Ministers.	Congregat'ns.	Congregations or Charges.	Unc. Membs.	Members.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Communic.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	Post Office Addresses.
Albert Helffenstein, Sr.,		Without charge,								Shamokin, Pa.
Isaac Gerhart,		Missionary,		40	12	4	40	3		Lancaster City, do
Albert Helffenstein, Jr.,		Without charge,								Maytown, Lancaster county, do
Daniel Hertz,	7	Ephrata,	175	360	65	31	322	30	3	Ephrata, do do do
Isaac S. Demund,	1	St. Paul's,		177	8	1	166	3	1	Lancaster City, do do do
William T. Gerhard,	6			254	38	35	214	17	6	do do do do
John Naille,	3	Elizabethtown charge,		164	14	8	116	17	2	Elizabethtown, do do do
Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D.,		President F. and M. College,								Lancaster City, do do do
John W. Nevin, D. D.,		Prof. in F. and M. College,								do do do do
Theodore Appel,		do do								do do do do
Thomas C. Porter,		do do								do do do do
Daniel Gans,	1	Salem,	194	241	12	11	165	3	2	Harrisburg, Dauphin do do
Martin A. Smith,	5	Hummelstown charge,	285	305	18	11	240	6	4	Hummelstown do do do
Amos H. Kremer,	1	Lancaster,	350	425	40	43	325	21	1	Lancaster City, Lan. county, do
Isaac E. Graeff,	1	Manheim,	20	60	6		47	1	1	do do do do
Vacant,	2	Millersville charge,		150	21	15	140	13	3	
John V. Eckert,	3	New Providence charge,		227	21	15	205	6	5	N. Providence, do do do
F. A. Gast,	1	New Holland, charge,		47	16	4	47	4	1	N. Holland, do do do
J. G. Wolff,	1	Maytown,		45	25	9	35	4	1	Lancaster City, do do do
George Kurtzman,	1	Middletown,		49			30			Middletown, Dauphin county, do
Charles Denues, *Licentiate.*										

CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

Ministers.	Congrega.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Unc. Mem.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communic.	Excommu.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sab. Sch.	Pup. S. S.	Post Office Addresses.
Isaac Shellhammer,	6	Union,	330	400	73	22		113			17	3		Black Creek, Luzerne county, Pa.
Rudolph Dünger,	2	Ashland,	170	170	26	18		150			13	2		Ashland, Schuylkill do do
William Goodrich,	6	Bloomsburg,	420	400	36	6	2	400			17	6		Orangeville, Columbia do do
Nathaniel E. Bressler,	6	Armstrong Valley,	375	480	57	29		307			49	4		Fishersville, Dauphin do do
Albert G. Dole,	1	Milton,	165	100	16	6	9	165		6	6	1		Milton, Northumberland do do
Jared Fritzinger,	8	Mahony,	550	480	77	31		125			46	9	114	Greenbrier, do do do
Henry Hoffman,	11	Berwick,	434	410	41	24		375		3	12	6		Conyngham, Luzerne do do
D. B. Albright,*	2	Paradise,	400	350	8	5	5	300		4	8	1		Limestoneville, Montour do do
John W. Steinmetz,	3	Danville,	230	140				230				1		Danville, do do do
Ephraim Kieffer,	7	Lykens Valley,	550	600	65	75		470			30	8		Millersburg, Dauphin do do
C. A. Rittenhouse,	3	Mount Zion,	450	326	41	25	2	385		3	22	2		Turbutville, Northuml'd do do
Henry S. Bassler,	4	Berrysburg,	300	300	20	15		205			20	4		Millersville, Dauphin do do
Isaac Steely,	8	Mahontongo,	560	500	139	23		305			74	3		Rough and Ready, Schuylk'l co. do
Lucian Cort (supply),	5	Sunbury,	480	360	40		1	350		5	6	5		Limestoneville, Montour co., do
Vacant.	3	Shamokin,	260	225				197						

*Lately taken charge.

CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA

Ministers.	Congre.	Congregat'ns or Charges.	Memb's.	Unc. M.	Bapti.	Confirm.	Certif.	Commu.	Dismiss'd.	Excom.	Deaths.	Sab. Sch.	Pup. S. S.	Benevl't Contrib.	Post Office Addresses.
Jonathan Zeller,		Without charge,													Lock Haven, Clinton county, Pa.
Daniel S. Tobias,	5	Rebersburg,	210	208	20	27		191	6		11	14			Rebersburg, Centre do do
Adolph B. Caspar,	3	Middle Creek,	100		40	10		90			33	3			New Berlin, Union do do
Henry Wiegandt,	7	Nippanose,													White Deer, Lycoming do do
Samuel Gutelius,		Without charge,													Freeburg, Snyder do do
Franklin J. Mohr,	5	Williamsport,	266		47	19	13	215			22	1	100		Williamsport, Lycoming do do
David G. Klein,	5	Bellefonte,	215	193	15		8	180			4	5	100	$53,71	Bellefonte, Centre do do
John C. Bucher,		Without charge,													Mifflinburg, Union do do
Lewis C. Edmonds,		do do													Aaronsburg, Centre do do
William H. Grob,	5	Boalsburg,	472	385	36	11	8	340	11		13	8			Boalsburg, Centre do do
Gustav. W. M. Schulze,	6	Adamsburg,	450	400	53			300			29	15		39,00	Middle Creek, Snyder do do
Charles H. Leinbach,	2	Lewisburg,	380		27	18	16	330	5		10	2	200	93,15	Lewisburg, Union do do
Henry C. Heyser,	6	Liverpool,	180		21	8		170			9	5			Richfield, Juniata do do
Israel S. Weisz,	4	Mifflinburg,	509	450	39	37	16	403	12		9	4	300		Mifflinburg, Union do do
John K. Millet,	4	Nittany,	265	432	13		6	236	8		6	5	150	47,47	Walker, Centre do do
A. R. Hottenstein,	4	Selinsgrove,	272	285				222				5			Selinsgrove, Snyder do do
Vacant.	5	Aaronsburg,	300	500	46			300	7					41,01	Aaronsburg, Centre do do
A. G. Dole (supply),	1	Union cong.,	100					100							
Weisz & Gutelius, (sup.)	2	Crotzersville & Middleburg,													
Committee, do	1	St. Peters,													
Vacant.	2	Liberty Valley,													

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

Ministers.	Congre.	Congregations or Charges	Members.	Un. Memb.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communes.	Excommun.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. School.	S. Scholars.	Post Office Addresses.	
J. F. Busche,	1	New York,	180		100	19		200		6	10	1	130	New York city,	N. Y.
Lewis B. Schwartz,	1	Boston,	550					135				1	130	Boston, Massachusetts,	
John Lichtenstein,	1	Buffalo,	439		32	9	10	380		5	12	1		Buffalo,	N. Y.
D. Willers,	3	Jerusalem, Seneca Falls, &c.	230		40	14		202			5	2	60	Fayette, Seneca county,	do
T. Grosshüsch,	1	Rochester,	105	114	16	5		05			5	2		Rochester,	do
T. O. Lohr,	2	Elizabethtown and Rahway,	134		43	22	9	134		12	1	2	120	Elizabeth,	N. J.
A. Schröder,	1	Bridgeport,	65		18	5		150			6	1		Bridgeport,	Conn.
H. Bentz,	4	Clarence,	350		50	31		350			10	2	80	Clarence, Erie county,	N. Y.
H. M. K. Stroes.	1	Clymer,	80		8			38			1			Clymer, Chatauque county,	do
Charles A. Hoehing.	1	New Brunswick,	98					98				1	60	New Brunswick,	N. J.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirm. Mem.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunicated.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	S. Sch. Scholars.	Ben. Contribut'ns.
East Pennsylvania	24	90	16142	14439	1954	844	17	12487		16	921	130	325	$746.16
Lebanon	19	66	11252	2376	1132	621	69	9037	1	27	493	80		
Zion's	23	76	7789	2689	790	325	80	6793		26	384	77	1358	
Maryland	25	49	6116	4337	643	214	62	6360		53	388	49	150	
North Carolina	7	29	1633					1633						
Virginia	8	25	1407					1350				19		
Philadelphia	22	27	4040	1297	799	259	246	3828	1	25	225	31		3,074.40
Mercersburg (*Cands. for Min.* 8.)	29	55	5239	3425	450	236	90	4685	3	46	146	37	1300	555.38
Goshenhoppen,	17	52	7867	3410	766	392	20	6560	2		393	70		
New York	10	16	2181	114	307	105	19	1692		23	50	11	580	
Lancaster	20	33	2544	1024	296	187		2092			128	30		
East Susquehanna	14	75	5674	5191	639	279	19	4377		21	320	55	114	
West Susquehanna	16	67	3704	2853	357	130	67	3077		49	146	67	850	274.34
Clarion	8	26	1919		161	140	9	1569		8	36	19	660	243.29
St. Paul's	11	25	1869		281	160	34	1790		16	58	16	1090	185.75
Total,	253	711	79676	43175	8575	3895	732	66340	7	310	3688	693	6427	$5,079.82
SYNOD OF OHIO & ADJACENT STATES, 11 Classes,	168	411	21015	2863	3319	1740	817	21015	144	158	642	248		5,300.54
Total of the two Synods. Classes 26.	421	1122	100691	52018	11894	5635	1549	87361	151	468	4330	941	6427	$ 10,379.86

SYNOD

Of the German Reformed Church of Ohio and adjacent States.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION FOR 1862.

The Committee on Religion and Morals presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST:—It becomes us, as individual under-shepherds of the great Head and Bishop of the entire Fold of Christ, first and foremost to give thanks unto God for his care over us, and his grace toward us during the year which has passed away; a year of great danger, trial and difficulties, both temporal as well as spiritual.

All the Classes within the bounds of this Synod speak of this fact, and wonderful to contemplate, not a single minister in this great Western field has during the past year fallen from his post through death. "Praise the Lord, O! our souls" for this.

In representing the state of Religion, (for Religion defined, is a knowledge of God, and of his true service according to his word,) we would but reflect the sentiments expressed in the reports before us, wherefrom we are warranted in saying that religion is advancing. The evidence of this may be learned from the facts contained in the reports from the different Classes in connection with and constituting this body. They all testify to the good attendance of the people upon the public service of God's sanctuary; which evinces a growing anxiety to know the Lord, and if by the preached word they learn his *divine* and *holy attributes*, they will surely by his grace then fear and serve him.

Another evidence of growth is, that in many parts of our Western Zion, new congregations have been organized, and even in missionary fields new houses of public worship have been built, or are in a state of preparation for building. New charges have been established, and the call is still, we want knowledge, "that we may rightly know God our Creator, heartily love him, and live with him in eternal happiness to glorify and praise him." One Classis says: "*We can also boast of having now a regular* chartered college, which, through its able president, has fair *prospects of becoming, if it is not already, an honor to our Classis, as well as a blessing to the Church.*"

A third reason for saying that religion within our bounds is on the advance, is the fact, that *peace* and concord dwell in all our Classes and Charges, and we have felt its precious effects on the floor of this Synod: "Behold how good and pleasant

it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." May we realize the promise: "*They shall prosper that love thee.*" Yea, we have the evidence within us, that religion is advancing, for we have increased during the year in the number of our *Ministers, Congregations, Unconfirmed Members, Confirmed Members, Communicant Members, Baptisms*, and in contributions for benevolent purposes. All this we learn from the reports before us, compared with those of last year; and by the fruits, says the Saviour, "Ye shall know the tree" Whilst this is enough to fill all our hearts with ecstatic joy, let us look at the other side, which is calculated to reduce this joy, and cause us, with the prophet, to weep day and night over the desolations of his people. All the Classes complain of a want of family religion—sympathy with Sabbath School instruction, as well as attention to the lambs of the fold of Christ—all complain of a lack of a benevolent spirit. O! when will we as a Church arise from our lethargy, and take hold, *strong* hold, and give to the benevolent objects of our beloved Zion that encouragement by our prayers, and those gifts which they demand, in order to our successful progress along by the side of our sister denominations. Let us do it, brethren, or cease to pray—"Thy kingdom come."

Respectfully submitted,

D. WINTERS, *Chairman.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

MIAMI CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Con.	Names of Charges.	U.M	C.M	Com	Bap	Conf	Cer.	Dis.	Exc.	Dea.	S.S.	Ben. Con.	Post Office Address.
D. Winters,	4	Mount Zion,	250	440	410	31	16	4	5	10	6	4	$302,00	Dayton, Ohio.
T. H. Winters,	1	Cæsar's Creek,	50	106	90					4			23,00	Xenia, Ohio.
P. C. Prugh,	1	Xenia,	105	127	113	10	8	2	3	5	2	1	85,00	Xenia, Ohio.
I. H. Reiter,	3	Miamisburg,	228	307	275	12		2			5	2	116,00	Miamisburg, O.
G. W. Williard,	3	Bethel Charge,	65	150	140	10	2	4	2	1	3	2	70,00	Dayton, O.
H. Rust,	1	1st. Church, Cincinnati,	278	376	376	116	13	47	11	8	10	1	283,36	Cincinnati, O.
S. Mease,	1	2nd. Church, Cincinnati,	20	32	30	5	3	3	3	6	1	1	27,00	Cincinnati, O.
C. Saure,	1	3d. Church, Cincinnati,	283	374	374	105	19	71	6	8	10	1	269,63	Cincinnati, O.
L. H. Kefauver,	1	1st Church, Dayton,	103	153	126	5		9	4		3	1	22,50	Dayton, O.
E. F. Loeders,	1	2nd. Church, Dayton,	60	138	125	59		40		8	2	1	23,40	Lafayette, Indiana.
H. M. Herman,	3	West Alexandria,	95	282	239							2		West Alexandria, O.
G. Z. Mechling,	3	Seven Mile,	132	124	102	7		4			2	3	110,00	Seven Mile, O.
J. Richards,	4	Union,	110	220	212	18	8	1		2	5	4	75,00	North Hampton, O.
J. Schlosser,	3	Fairfield and Beaver,	55	329	303	25	64	7	2	1	3	3	100,00	Fairfield, O.
A. Wanner, (supply),	3	Germant'wn and Elklick,	85	200	120	15		4	3		15	1	36,00	Germantown, O.
T. J. Barkley,	3	New Madison,	65	145	116	8	11	2		1	1	3		New Madison, O.
J. Scott,	3	St. Paris,		125			3							St. Paris, O.
L. Rike,	2	Corydon, Mission,		63	60	19	7	6					18,00	Corydon, Ind.
J. A. Leis,	4	St. John's,	356	215	160	34	15	6	4	2	33	2	16,00	Miamisburg, O.
C. Plüss,	2	Brown County,	25	55	45	7	1	10	2			1	9,00	Arnheim, O.
J. Stuck,	4	Dallas,	54	93	75	19	14	5	10	18	6	2		Greenville, O.
G. H. Leonard,	2	Highland,	100	185		1		1			1	2	79,00	Hillsboro, Ohio.
W. B. Sandoe,	4	Port Jefferson,	50	150	146	26	15	3		2	4	4	40,00	Pratt, Shelby co., O.
P. H. Kroh,	3	Anna charge,		120	120	14	25	3			1	1		Anna, Illinois.
Geo. Shafer,	3													Nevins, O.
B. Schwedes,	1													Covington, Ky.

Without Charge: S. K. Denius, J. Kercher, C. Berentz, J. Weaver, A. C. Kendig. *Vacant:* Darke county,

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congr.	Charges.	Ba. M.	Memb.	Com.	Bapt.	Confir.	Cer.	Dismi.	Exco.	Death.	S. Sch.	Benev. Contri.	Post Office Address.
H. Williard,	2	Columbus,	50	44	40						2	2	$42,00	Columbus, O.
J. B. Thompson,	1	Delaware,	172	173	149	7	10			1	1	1	75,00	Delaware, O.
H. King,	3	Union,	150	200	140	4	8				6	2	25,00	Baltimore, O.
C. W. Hoyman,	4	Somerset,	225	230	210	34	15	3	2		8	2	215,00	Somerset, O.
N. H. Loose,	4	Sugar Grove,	140	200	187	19	30	14	3			4	100,00	Sugar Grove, O
J. Vogt,	2	Basil,	76	153	96	21	7	11	2	3		2	80,00	Basil. O.
J. I. Swander,	4	Kinnick-kinnick,	110	140	140	25	2	10			3	3	150,00	Chillicothe, O.
J. Heffley,	4	Lithopolis,	200	200	170	35	20	1	1		5	2	40,00	Canal, Winchester, O.
J. McConnell (supply,)	4	Tarlton,	100	200	200	10	5	5			4	2	25,00	Stoutsville, O.
J. C. Henneman,		Beaver,	150	380	339	55	18				15	2	15,00	Beavertown, O.
P. D. Schory.		No Charge,												Lancaster, O.
S. S. Rickley,		No Charge,												Columbus, O.
J. Ruhl,		No Report,												Defiance, O.
J. W. Alspach,		Licking County Mission,												Appleton, O.

IOWA CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congr.	Charges.	Ba. M.	Memb.	Com.	Bapt.	Confir.	Cer.	Dismi.	Exco.	Death.	S. Sch.	Benev. Contri.	Post Office Address.
F. C. Bauman,	1	Harmony,	91	89	89	22	9	10			1	1	$3,00	Zwingle, Dubuque co., Iowa.
J. Riale,	4	Tipton and Boulder,	112	90	90	7		5		1	1	1	26,00	Central City, Linn co., Iowa,
J. C. Klar,	1	Wheatland,			40	9					5	1	5,00	Wheatland, Clinton co., Iowa.
J. H. Buser.		Columbus, No Report,												Columbus, Louisa co., Iowa.
		Oskaloosa, No Report,												

Ministers.	Congregs.	Charges.	Members.	Con. Mem.	Communi.	Baptisms.	Confirmat.	Certificate.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	Schools.	Benevolent Contribn.	Post Office Address.
N. P. Hacke,	6	Greensburg, (*Ger.*)			652	100	32		4		34	5		Greensburg, Pa.
H. E. F. Voigt,*	2	Mt. Pleasant and Latrobe,			188	28					1	6	$62,00	Mt. Pleasant, do
F. K. Levan,	3	Mt. Pleasant,	125	125							1	2		Mt. Pleasant, do
C. C. Russell,	4	Latrobe,	175	160	140	12	17	5			3	3		Latrobe, do
Wm. Conrad,	4	Beam's,		200	170	11	4				8	3	67,00	Jenner X Roads, do
G. B. Russell,		Without Charge,												Pittsburg, do
E. E. Higbee,	1	Grace Church,†	78	90	82	32		7		1	5	1	175,00	Pittsburg, do
H. W. Super,	3	Greensburg, (*Eng.*)	135	125	120	8					4	2		Greensburg, do
A. B. Koplin,	5	Grantsville,	100	229	194	20	42	12	6	2	6	3	20,69	Elklick, do
Benj. Knepper,	9	Wellersburg,	267		219	70	32				14	4	13,00	Wellersburg, do
R. P. Thomas,	5	Salem,	225	240	220	20	5	1			6	3	51,31	Salem X Roads, do
F. A. Edmonds.	4	Berlin,	300	307	300	34	32		1	1	26	2	105,00	Berlin, do
D. H. Reiter,	6	Shade,		180	160	28	45	2			10	3	20,00	Stoystown, do
E. R. Eschbach,	3	Somerset,	125	175	165	16	5	7			4	3	20,00	Somerset, do
Henry Losch,	2	Cumberland Mission,		74	74	4						1		Cumberland, Md.
Prof. J. H. Johnston,		Lict. Westmoreland College,												Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
Wm. Weinel,		Superannuated,												Leechburg, Pa.
Geo. A. Fickes.		Without Charge,												Fremont, O.

*Serves Mt. Pleasant and Latrobe Charges in German. †Statistics by Rev. G. B. Russell, late Pastor.

SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Con.	Charges.	U. M.	M. C.	Com.	Bap.	Conf.	Let.	Dis.	Exc.	Dea.	S. S.	Ben. Con.	Post Office Address.
S. B. Leiter,	4	Tuscarawas,		220	220	22	24	1	4			2	$68,50	Navarre, Stark county, Ohio.
Wm. McCaughey,	2	Akron Mission,	20	70	51	11	8	18				2	39,00	Akron, O.,
J. Hines,	4	North Union,		128	128	7	8	13		1	2	6	36,00	Johnson's Corner's, Sum. co., O.
J. J. Excell,	5	Reedsburg,	90	220	209	14	20		3		3	2	50,58	Reedsburg, Wayne co., O.
P. J. Spangler,	4	Navarre,		120	120	27	[illegible]	2	1		1	3	29,00	West Lebanon, Wayne co., O.
M. A. Miller,	4	Summit,		181	181	20	[illegible]		5	3	3	2		Lake, Summit co., O.
J. M. Lefever,	3	Carrollton,	66	194	192	29	[illegible]	14	[illegible]	2	5	2	20,94	Carrollton, O.,
C. H. Reiter,	4	Bristol,	248	250	223	22	20	8	4		18	2	49,00	Smithville, Wayne county, O.
D. R. Moore,	4	Savannah,		200	200	46	59	7	6		1	5	44,82	Nankin, Ashland do O.
D. W. Kelly,		Shelby,		60	60	8					4		20,00	Shelby, Richland do O.
H. Hess,	3													Shelby, Richland do O.

Without Charge: J. F. Helm, H. Shaul, L. Follett,

SHEBOYGAN CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Con.	Charges.	U. M.	M. C.	Com.	Bap.	Conf.	Let.	Dis.	Exc.	Dea.	S. S.	Ben. Con.	Post Office Address.
C. Schiller,	1	Ebenezer,	328	184	135	33	10			8	4		$67,00	Newtonsb'g, Manitowac co. Wis.
H. A. Mühlmeier,	1	Emanuels,	392	170	170	18	3	12		2	3	1	76,00	Howard's Grove, Sheb'n co. Wis.
J. T. Kluge,	2	Zions, Paul,	96	133	120	18	14	32	6		1	1	29,00	Sheboygan, Wisconsin.
J. Bossard,	1	Sarons,	62	67	63	6	2	5			1	1	30,00	Sheboygan, Wis.
J. Brecht,	1	Swiss,	41	60	60	10	5				6	1	20,00	Ashford, Fondulac co., Wis.
J. F. Vergenz,	1		130	87	87	30	17	5		4	2	1		Mayville, Dodge county, Wis.
N. Ruetenik,	5		200	100	58	32					2	2	3,00	Lowell, Dodge county Wis.
P. Joerris,	2	Salem, Zoar,	80	52	51	18		3	2	4	1	1	20,00	Watertown, Wis.
H. A. Winter,	1	Swiss,	136	74	74	15	1				1	1		Sauk City, Wis.
C. Lienkemper,	1		60	62	62	19	5					1	8,00	Medina, Wis.
G. Swanz,	1		60	60	60	12					2	1		Monroe, Green co., Wis.

Ministers.	Con.	Names of Charges.	M.B	M.C	Com	Bap.	Conf	Let.	Dis.	Exc.	Dea.	S.S.	Ben. Con.	Post Office Address.
R. Good,	1			20	20	3	1				1	1		Tiffin, Ohio.
J. H. Good,	3	2nd Ref. church, Tiffin,		225	210	45		50	4		8	2	$38,00	do do
J. Rettig,	5	Galion,		530	530	65	85	60	7	2	18	2	88,69	Galion, do
H. J. Ruetenik,	1	Cleveland,		94	94	13		34		12	8	1	164,00	Cleveland, Ohio.
G. M. Albright,	4	Salems,		111	120	9	17					1	3,29	Herring, do
H. Eschmeier,	1	Toledo,		170	120	20	7	9			6	1	25,50	Toledo, do
J. G. Ruhl,	4	Marion, 1st charge,	139	202	178	25	15	2		1	13	3	108,37	Marion, do
J. J. Escher,	4	Berwick,	290	270	268	26	16	10	8		10	1	77,00	Fostoria, do
Eli Keller,	3	Thompson,		178	178	12	8				5	1	22,00	Bellevue, do
M. Kieffer, D. D.,	1	1st Ref. church, Tiffin,		138	138	3	1					1		Tiffin, do
J. Knie,	2	Huron,		120	120	20	16				7		11,50	Huron, do
	2	Vermillion,		118	126	25	15				5	1	22,00	Vermillion, do
J. Klingler,	3	Upper Sandusky,		68	20							1		Herring, do
P. Tendick,	2	Attica,		162	162	26	20				3		34,63	Attica, do
J. Heller,	2	Fremont and Salem,		102	102		18	14			2	1	13,00	Fremont, do
J. B. Kniest,	1	Sandusky city,	89	60	61	10					5	1	14,00	Sandusky city, Ohio.
C. Raths,	2	Hessville,		70	66	23	4				9		9,11	Blackswamp, do
M. Miller,	5	Findlay Mission,		250	140	41	19				11	1		Findlay, do
P. Greding,	5	Allen county charge, (Ger)		119	132	17				3	4	1		Beaverdam, do
W. Witzgall,	2	Henry do												Napoleon, do
	2	Henry do												New Bavaria, do
D. C. Zimmerman,	5	Whetstone,		173	173	14	15	6			12	2		Galion, do
T. Metzinger,	2	Bascom,		95	82	16		8	9		5	3	5,98	Fostoria, do
C. Kuss,	1	Monroeville,		65	33	8					4		34,00	Huron, do
Geo. Rettig,	6	Bucyrus,		385	385	52	25				7	3	95,27	Bucyrus, do
S. Shaw,	3	Good Hope,	82	93	80	16	5	7	3		4		4,30	Fostoria, do
W. Renter,	2	Kenton,		87	95	22	16	20			9	2	10,43	Kenton, do
J. Winter,	4	2nd Marion charge,	96	142	95	23	12	12			5	2	17,44	Marion, do

Without Charge: H. E. Schutte, K. Martin. *Superannuated:* F. Rahauser, C. Weiler.

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congrega.	Charges.	Members.	Communi.	Baptisms.	Confirma.	By Letter.	Dismissed.	Excommu.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Benevolent Contribu.	Post Office Address.
J. H. Klein,	1	St. John's Congregation,	228	238	44	19	31			24	1	$105,00	Fort Wayne, Ind.
C. Cast,	1	Zions Church,	90	108	48	12				16	2	5,00	Detroit, Mich.
C. Jackel,	2	Adams co., Charge,	99	88	11	8	2			3	1	13,00	Decatur, Adams co., Ind.
J. G. Kissell,	6	Union Charge,	237	200						3	2	5,56	Waterloo, De Kalb co., Ind.
O. J. Accola,	3	Henry co., Charge,	173		25	18	33	3		3	2	8,20	Ashford, Fondulac co., Wis.
W. H. Fenneman,	4	Bluffton Charge,	180	104	11	14	7	10	6	15	1	45,00	Bluffton, Ind.
Phil. Becker,	6	Whitley co., Mission,	170	170	27	11	6			11		14,00	Columbia City, Ind.
Jonas Michael,	6	Fulton and Winnamac,	154	154	20	20	33						Winnamac, Pulaski co., Ind.
W. Wasnick,	3	Brush Creek,	153	153	52	3	14	4		10	3	40,75	Pulaski, Williams co., O.
D. Kroh,	2	St. Joseph's Charge,	100	75	8	4	2				2		Elkhart, Ind.
Vacant,	2	Bryan Charge,											
Peter Vitz,	1	St. Peters,											Huntington, Ind.
J. Brakefield,		No Report,											Evansport, O.
A. Butt,		Jefferson Charge,	87	80	6	10				1			Pulaski, Williams co., O.
E. Spangler,		Without Charge,											Edgarton, Williams co., O.
J. D. Gackenheimer,		No Report,											Leslie, Van Wert co., O.
Vacant,		Colon Charge,											
Vacant,		Neriah Charge,											
T. Winters.		Superannuated,											West Alexandria, O.

Ministers.	Congr.	Charges.	Ba. M.	Memb.	Comm.	Bapt.	Confir.	By Let.	Expel.	Dismi.	Deaths	S. Sch	S. Sch.	Benev. Contri.	Post Office Address.
G. H. Zumpe,	3	Poland,		155	200	17	11	3			2	1	1	$30,35	Poland, Clay county, Indiana,
M. G. I. Stern,	1	Indianapolis,	76	100	90	26	4	2	1	3		1	1	50,00	Indianapolis, Indiana,
H. Kortheuer,	1	Terre Haute,	36	47	36	16		2		2	8	1	1	27,00	Terre Haute, Indiana,
J. Eichin,	2	Linton,		86	86	11		5			1	2			Linton, Greene county, Indiana.
J. D. Colliflower,	3	Colliflower Charge,		70		7	7	4			3	2			New Pittsburg, Randolph county, Indiana.
E. Bauman,	2	Bowling Green,			72	15					1	2			Bowling Green, Clay county, Indiana,
J. Blatgen,	1	Zoar Charge,		35	40	8	8					1			Evansville, Indiana,
F. Wall,	4	Dayton,		136	100	12	12				5				Dayton, Indiana,
J. Pence,	1	Winchester,													Tremont, Ohio,
M. Stern,		Louisville,													Louisville, Kentucky,
		Vernon.													

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congr.	Charges.	Ba. M.	M.Con.	Comm.	Bapt.	Confir.	By Let.	Dismi.	Exco.	Deaths	S. Sch.	Benev. Contri.	Post Office Address.		
John Hoyman,	6	Orangeville,	126	210	190	38		1			20	6		Orangeville, Stephenson county, Illinois,		
T. P. Decker,		Superannuated,												Freeport, do	do	do
H. K. Baines,	2	Shelbyville,	10	31	41	4	6	2	3			2	$10,00	Shelbyville, Shelby	do	do
John Stoneberger,	1	Astoria,	37	53	35	6	1	1		4			1,75	Astoria, Fulton	do	do
George Weber,		Missionary,												Cedarville, Stephenson	do	do
C. W. Seaman,	5	Forreston,	144	185	185	23	27	10			5	5	8,89	Forreston, Ogle	do	do
H. Knepper,		Without Charge,												Ogle Station, Lee	do	do
Licentiates,																
J. Sechler, (supply)	2	Cedarville,	16	51	42	9		22			1	2	6,50	Orangeville, Stephenson	do	do
T. Burkholder,		Cedarville,												Orangeville, Stephenson	do	do

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congrega.	Charges.	Mem. Bapt.	Mem. Con.	Communn.	Baptisms.	Confirma.	By Letter.	Excommun.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Benevolent Collection.	Post Office Address.
J. W. Hamm,	7	Manchester,			670	72	39				39	5	$81,20	Nimisilla, Ohio,
D. Kemmerer,	4			400		72	15				18	2	120,00	Wooster, Ohio,
P. Herbruck,		Canton,		880	880	154	58				68	5	62,00	Canton, Ohio,
G. Ziegler,	7	Georgetown charge,		600	602	75					32	5	29,45	North Georgetown, Col. co., O.
J. G. Zahner,	5	Shanesville.		430	388	45	12				25	5	32,00	Rogersville, Tuscarawas co. O.
J. Biery,	5	New Bedford,			215									New Bedford, O.
J. Ackeret,	3	Mt. Eton,				47	27				24	2	9,40	Mt. Eton, Wayne co., O.
C. Zwisler,	2	Canfield;			307	47	21				14		10,00	Canfield, O.
S. N. King,	3	New Lisbon,		158	158	10	8	1			3	2	18,00	New Lisbon, O.
J. F. Englebaugh,														Akron, O.
C. Banks,	4	New Philadelphia,		340	330	54	11	2			30	2	10,50	New Philadelphia, O.
C. Fehr,	1	Youngstown,		36	31	6	1							Youngstown, Mahoning co., O.
J. Reinhart,	5	Springfield,			450	42	80				40	2	85,00	North Lima, Mahoning co., O.
E. H. T. Woehler,	2			94	70	8					2		8,19	Albion, Ashland co., O.
H. K. Zink,					57	14	4				7		4,70	Warren. Ohio,
J. B. Ruhl,	2	Paradise,		125	122	24	17				5	1	11,02	Lordstown, Trumbull co., O.
R. Koehler,	2					38	30				7	1	6,50	Akron, Summit co., O.
V. W. Rehkoff.		(Licentiate.)												

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSIONS.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SYNOD

OF THE

German Reformed Church

IN THE

UNITED STATES,

AT

CARLISLE, PA., OCTOBER, 1863.

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States, convened in the German Reformed Church, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, in the month of October, in the year of our Lord one Thousand, eight hundred and sixty-three. The sessions continued from the evening of the twenty-first to the evening of the twenty-ninth day of the month inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The sessions of Synod were opened with singing and prayer by the President, the Rev. Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D., prior to which he preached a sermon from John 21: 15, "*Feed my lambs.*"

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

1.) *From the Classis of East Pennsylvania.*

Rev. Isaac K. Loos, Frederick Strassner, Joshua H. Derr, and John Beck (1).

Elders—Samuel Utt (1), Samuel Odenwelder (1), and Jacob L. Rhoads (2).

2.) *From the Classis of Lebanon.*

Rev. Henry Harbaugh, D. D., Charles F. McCauley, David W. Wolff, and Henry Wagner (3).

Elders—John Meily (2) and John Ermentrout (4).

3.) *From the Classis of Zion.*

Rev. John Ault (5), George E. Addams, Henry Mosser (6), and Jacob Ziegler (7).

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1 Took their seats on the afternoon of the first day of the sessions.

2 Took their seats on the morning of the second day of the sessions. Elder John Meily obtained leave of absence on the morning of the seventh day of the sessions.

3 Took his seat on the morning of the second day, and was succeeded by the Rev. Samuel Miller on the morning of the fifth day of the sessions.

4 Took his seat on the afternoon of the second day of the sessions.

5 Was succeeded by the Rev. Samuel Philips, on the afternoon of the sixth day of the sessions.

6 Took his seat on the afternoon of the fourth day of the sessions, prior to which time his seat was occupied by the secundus, Rev. D. Ernst Klopp.

7 Took his seat on the morning of the second day of the sessions, prior to which his seat was occupied by the secundus, Rev. Samuel Philips, and obtained leave of absence on the morning of the seventh day of the sessions.

Elders—William Shull, John P. Hassler, and P. Stumbaugh.

4.) *From the Classis of Maryland.*

Rev. John G. Fritchey (4), Moses A. Stewart (1), John W. Hoffmeier, E. R. Eschbach (2), and John M. Titzel (3).

Elders—John Coblentz, William H. Knode, William C. Seabrooks (10), Jacob Ditzler and Henry Winter (4).

5.) *From the Classis of Philadelphia.*

Rev. Nicholas Gehr and P. Seibert Davis (4).

Elders—William D. Gross, John Huber (4), John Wiest and Hiram C. Hoover (2).

6.) *From the Classis of Virginia.*

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7.) *From the Classis of North Carolina.*

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8.) *From the Classis of Mercersburg.*

Rev. Charles F. Hoffmeier (5), Isaac G. Brown, Jacob Hassler, Benjamin Bausman (6), and William R. H. Deatrich.

Elders—Adam B. Wingerd, Henry Ruby, William Bosser (10), Lewis H. Knode, and Emanuel J. Diehl (7).

9.) *From the Classis of Goshenhoppen.*

Rev. George W. Aughinbaugh (8), and J. Henry Dubbs (9).

Elder—Daniel B. Mauger (1).

10.) *From the Classis of New York.*

Rev. Dietrich Willers and John F. Busche.

Elder—George Bachman.

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1 Obtained leave of absence on the morning of the fourth day of the sessions.

2. Took their seats on the afternoon of the second day of the sessions.

3 Took his seat on the afternoon of the third day, and obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the seventh day of the sessions.

4 Obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the seventh day of the sessions.

5 Was succeeded on the morning of the sixth day of the sessions by the secundus, Rev. William M. Deatrick.

6 His seat was occupied from the morning of the third until the afternoon of the fourth day of the sessions by the secundus, Rev. Rev. William M. Deatrick.

7 Took their seats on the afternoon of the first day of the sessions.

8 Took his seat on the morning of the second day of the sessions.

9 Took his seat on the afternoon of the fourth day of the sessions.

10 Obtained leave of absence on the morning of the seventh day of the sessions.

11) *From the Classis of Lancaster.*

Rev. Isaac Gerhart, Theodore Appel, John V. Eckert (1), and Isaac E. Graeff (2).
Elders—Daniel Helm (1), and Daniel W. Gross (7).

12.) *From the Classis of East Susquehanna.*

Rev. Nathaniel E. Bressler (3), D. B. Albright, and Charles A. Rittenhouse (4).
Elder—George C. Welker.

13.) *From the Classis of West Susquehanna.*

Rev. William H. Groh (5), John K. Millet and Israel S. Weisz (6).
Elders, * * * * * * * *

13.) *From the Classis of Clarion.*

Rev. C. A. Limberg. (1)
Elder—Samuel Frantz.

15.) *From the Classis of St. Paul.*

Rev. David O. Shoemaker and Samuel N. Callender.
Elder—Hugh Moore (3).

16) *From the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States.*

Rev. E. E. Higbee.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

From the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church—Rev. G. Henry Mandeville.

From the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church—
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From the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States—Rev. George J. Martz.

From the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church—
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1 Obtained leave of absence on the morning of the seventh day of the sessions.

2 Was succeeded on the afternoon of the fifth day of the sessions by the secundus, the Rev. William T. Gerhard.

3 Obtained leave of absence on the morning of the fifth day of the sessions.

4 Took his seat on the afternoon of the first day, and obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the sixth day of the sessions.

5 Took his seats on the afternoon of the second day of the sessions.

6 Obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the seventh day of the sessions.

7. Took his seat on the afternoon of the first day of the sessions.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

From the Classis of East Pennsylvania—Rev. Paul Wald and John Gantenbein.

From the Classis of Lebanon—Rev. Samuel Miller, and T. Calvin Leinbach.

From the Classis of Zion—Rev. D. Ernst Klopp, Samuel Philips, George Leidy, D. W. Kelley, William C. Bennet, Jacob O. Miller, W. F. P. Davis.

From the Classis of Maryland—Rev. John H. Wagner Frederick A. Rupley, and John S. Foulk.

From the Classis of Philadelphia—Rev. Emanuel Boehringer.

From the Classis of Virginia—Rev. Daniel Feete.

From the Classis of Mercersburg—Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., John Rebaugh, William M. Deatrick, Henry Heckerman, George Seibert, D. P., Philip Schaff, D. D., Bernard C. Wolff, D. D., Benjamin S. Schneck, D. D., Thomas G. Apple, John W. Love, Walter E. Krebs, and Richard P. Thomas.

From the Classis of Lancaster—Rev. Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D., George Kurtzman, Daniel Gans, Martin A. Smith, John Naille, Amos H. Kremer, William T. Gerhard, and Daniel Hertz.

From the Classis of East Susquehanna—Rev. Ephraim Kieffer.

From the Classis of West Susquehanna—Rev. John C. Bucher, and Jonathan Zellers.

From the Classis of St. Paul—Rev. George B. Russell.

From the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States—Rev. Christian C. Russell, Cyrus Cort, and Moses Kieffer, D. D.

LICENTIATES.

Prof. William M. Reily, William A. Gring, A. Carl Whitmer, and E. B. Wilson.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Charles F. McCauley, was chosen *President*.

Rev. Prof. Theodore Appel, was chosen *Corresponding Secretary*.

Rudolph F. Kelker, Esq., was chosen *Treasurer*.

Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., is *Stated Clerk*.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read by the Stated Clerk.

The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the present sessions.

The *Morning Session* to open at 9, and close at 12 o'clock.

The *Afternoon Session* to open at 2, and close at 5 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed:

On Minutes of Synod—Rev. P. Seibert Davis, D. Ernst Klopp, John G. Fritchey, and Elder Adam B. Wingerd.

On Overtures—Rev. Dietrich Willers, John K. Millet, John Ault, and Elder William H. Knode.

On Correspondence with Sister Churches—Rev. Moses A Stewart, John W. Hoffmeier, William R. H. Deatrich, and Elder George Bachman.

On Minutes of Classes—Rev. Samuel N. Callender, Isaac E. Graeff, William H. Groh, George W. Aughinbaugh, and Elder John Wiest.

On Examination, Licensure and Ordination—Rev. Joshua H. Derr, E. E. Higbee, D. B. Albright and Elder Geo. C. Welker.

On the State of Religion and Statistical Reports—Rev. Prof. Theodore Appel, John F. Busche, Frederick Strassner, and Elder John P. Hassler.

On the Theological Seminary—Rev. Jacob Ziegler, David W. Wolff, Nathaniel E. Bressler, and Elder William Bossert.

On Missions—Rev. Nicholas Gehr, Benjamin Bausman, John V. Eckert, and Elder Henry Ruby.

On Finance—Rev. Isaac K. Loos, John K. Millet, C. A. Limberg, and Elder Samuel Frantz.

On Nominations—Rev. Isaac G. Brown, George E. Addams, David O. Shoemaker, and Elder Daniel B. Mauger.

On Publication—Rev. Jacob Hassler, Prof. Theodore Appel, Charles F. Hoffmeier, and Elder Daniel Helm.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1.) One copy of the Acts and Proceedings of the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, one copy of the Acts and Proceedings of the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, one copy of the Minutes of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States, and one copy of the Minutes of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church convened in Philadelphia, were received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches.

2.) The Minutes of the Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Zion, Maryland, Philadelphia, Mercersburg, Goshenhoppen, New York, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Clarion and St. Paul, were received and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the reports on the

State of Religion and Statistical Reports, which were referred to the Committee on that subject.

3.) The annual reports of the Board of Trustees and of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, were received and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

4.) The annual reports of the Boards of Domestic, and of Foreign Missions, were received and referred to the Committee on Missions.

5.) The annual report of the Trustees of Synod, accompanied with the annual report of the Treasurer of Synod, was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

6.) The annual report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Committee on Publication.

7.) A number of other communications were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of the last annual sessions of Synod was dispensed with, and they were referred to the Committee on Minutes of Synod. This Committee submitted the following report, which was received and disposed of item by item:

The Committee on Minutes of Synod last year, find the following items claiming the attention of Synod:

Item 1. Page 57. In relation to the suggestion of the Committee on the Tercentenary Celebration to Synod, on a memorial of a Committee of Franklin and Marshall College, with reference to a completion of endowment of the College, as contained in resolutions on said page. In these resolutions the importance of rasing $30.000 for the College during this year, is set forth, and the College Board is authorized to appoint an agent for that purpose.

Item 2. Page 59. The Treasurer of Synod is instructed to pay to the members of the Liturgical Committee the amount due them, as reported by their Treasurer.

Item 3. Page 63. The Committee on the Ex-Sheriff Duncan's case, continued in the hope of effecting some compromise.

Item 4. Page 73. A request of the Western Synod in regard to a change of name from the "German Reformed," to the "Evangelical Reformed" Church, to this Synod asking co-operation.

Item 5. Page 74. A deferring of action on the proposal of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, held in Lancaster 1862, (contained in resolution, p. 61,) to alter the terms of correspondence, so as to conform them to the standing resolution of the Lutheran Synod, which is as follows: "Ministers and members in good standing, desiring to pass

from one of these bodies to the other shall upon application to the proper body receive a certificate of their standing."

Item 6. Page 74. The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to furnish Rev. Joel Parker, D. D., with the desired reply to his letter, communicating the friendly regards of the General Assembly of the N. S. Presbyterian Church to this body.

Item 7. Page 84. Rev. Albert Helfenstein, Jr., was instructed to pay to the officers of the Widow's Fund Society, the money of said Society in his hands, as desired by its officers.

Item 8. Page 91. Delegates to Corresponding Bodies:

Rev. Thos. G. Apple, was delegate, *primarius;* and Rev. Joshua H. Derr, *secundus*, to the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States.

Rev. Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D., *primarius;* and Charles F. McCauley, *secundus*, to the General Assembly of the N. S. Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Philip Schaff, D. D., *primarius;* and Rev. Benjamin S. Schneck, D. D., *secundus*, to the German Lutheran Ministerium of Pa.

Item 9. Page 97. The Synod ordered the printing and distribution 10,000 German and 20,000 English copies of the report of the Tercentenary Committee.

Item 10. Page 99. The Trustees of the Theological Seminary were authorized to remove the Library from Mercersburg, if it should be deemed advisable, in view of certain contingencies.

Item 11. Page 107. The Board of Publication was instructed to publish a Church Almanac.

Item 12. Page 102. Synod renewed the request, that those Classes that neglected to open a column for Benevolent purposes in the Statistical Report, should do so.

Item 13. Page 103. Synod requests that Classes delinquent in the payment of the amount assessed for the Contingent Fund, make arrangements for immediate payment.

Item 14. Page 107. The attention of delinquent Classes is called to the synodical apportionment of the Seminary Fund, and immediate payment is ordered.

Item 15. Page 110. It is made the duty of the President of Synod to make such arrangements with the Rail road companies, as will secure to the members reduced fare.

Item 16. Page 107. The Synod appointed Rev. Samuel H. Geisey, Nicholas Gehr and Elder Charles Santee a committee to secure fields of labor for young men leaving the Seminary.

Item 17. Page 110. The Stated Clerk is instructed to publish 2000 copies of English and 2000 of German Minutes, and have them distributed according to the rule adopted.

Item 18. Page 107. The Board of Trustees were instructed to issue a circular to persons indebted for interest on Plainfield bonds.

Item 19. Page 107. Synod requires that all Theological Tutorship bonds be placed in the hands of the Treasurer.

Item 20. Page 107. The Stated Clerk is instructed to furnish blank bonds for Theological Tutorship.

Item 21. Page 107. Synod requests Classes to see to a more permanent support of Beneficiary Education.

P. S. DAVIS, *Chairman.*

For the result of the action of Synod referred to in items 1, 7, and 9, see Article XXI, Miscellaneous; Items 2 and 13, see Article XV, Finance; Item 3, 10, 14, 18, 19 and 20, see Article XIII, Theological Seminary; Items 4, 12, and 21, see Article X, Minutes of Classes; Items 5 and 8, see Article IX, Correspondence with Sister Churches; Items 11 and 17, see Article XIX, Publication.

No report was received from the Corresponding Secretary in regard to the instruction referred to in Item 6.

The President of Synod reported that he had complied with the instructions referred to in Item 15.

No report was received from the committee referred to in Item 16.

ARTICLE VIII.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures submitted the following report, which was received, and disposed of item by item:

The Committee on Overtures respectfully report that the following documents have been placed in their hands:

1.) A communication from Edward S. Young, General Freight and Passenger Agent of the Northern Central Rail Road, in which he states, that he had issued a circular to the Conductors on the Passenger cars, instructing them to pass all delegates to Synod free of charge on their return, who have paid full fare and shall be furnished with a certificate to that effect from the Stated Clerk.

2.) A letter from the Rev. William A. Helfrich, containing the statistical report for his charge, and informing Synod that he will take up the Tercentenary contributions in his charge during the coming winter.

3.) A letter from Niles H. Shearer, Agent of the U. S. Christian Commission, in which he expresses the desire that the religious papers of our Church may be circulated gratuitously among the soldiers in our Army.

4.) A letter from the Consistory of the German congregation at Waterbury, Connecticut, in which they state that they are fully satisfied with the services of the Rev. Mr. Klauss, but add that he is about to leave them and return to Germany; they, therefore, ask to be received into connection with Synod, and to be provided with another pastor.

letter from the Rev. John W. Steinmetz, of Danville, Pa., permission of Synod to appropriate the amount raised in the for Tercentenary purposes, about $400, to the liquidation of t on the church in Danville.

letter from the German Evangelical Church Diet, signed by ers of the Diet, Rev. Dr. Hoffman and Dr. Wichern, in hey express their fraternal regards for Synod, with the sincere at the attachment between the two bodies will not only con- ut greatly increase.

letter from the daughter of the Rev. Benjamin Boyer, pre- the necessitous circumstances of her father, and soliciting aid 'nod.

respectful communication from a number of the Elders com- his Synod, in which they call attention to the inadequate of the ministry, and propose to Synod some action in regard ubject.

friendly letter from the Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff, in which he ood to grant him leave of absence for two years from the y, in order that he may be able to carry forward to comple- works on Church History, on which he has been for some gaged, and also make a tour to Europe for the improvement ealth.

t document in relation to an Orphan Institute, founded in ırk, Philadelphia, by members of the German Reformed setting forth the origin, plan and objects of the institution.

D. WILLERS, *Chairman.*

1, in the above report was adopted. The letter re- in Item 2 was referred to the Committee on the State gion and Statistical Reports.

.he action of Synod on the request contained in Item 3, icle XIX, Publication; and on Item 4, see Article ppeals and References, and Article XIV., Missions.

the action on Item 5, see Article XIV, Missions; on 7, 8 and 10 see Article XXI, Miscellaneous; on Item Article IX, Correspondence with Sister Churches, and ı 9, see Article XIII, Theological Seminary.

ARTICLE IX.

ESPONDENCE WITH SISTER CHURCHES.

I.) REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches ed the following report, which was received and adop-

ommittee on Correspondence with Sister Churches would ally report:

That the documents placed in their hands claiming the attention of Synod, are as follows:

Item 1. The Minutes of the German Reformed Synod of Ohio and adjacent States.

This Synod convened on the 27th of May, 1863, at Tiffin, Ohio. The Rev. Thomas G. Apple, delegate from this Synod, was present as our representative.

Item 2. A copy of the Proceedings of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pa. and adjacent States, presented to this Synod by the Rev. George J. Martz, the delegate from that body, and communicating most cordial greetings.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. STEWART, *Chairman.*

The Committee subsequently presented the following additional report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches submits the following additional report:

A copy of the Minutes of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America has been placed into their hands, from which it appears, that the Rev. D. Hopkins Emerson, of the Presbytery of Wilmington, has been appointed as delegate *primarius* to this body and the Rev. Fredrick F. Judd of the Presbytery of Rockaway, *secundus.*

In the absence of both these delegates, the Rev. Dr. Wing presented the Minutes of the General Assembly to this body and stated the reason of their absence, to be the fact, that this Synod and their own Synod met at the same time, and that they were not aware that this Synod would continue in session after their Synod had adjourned. Your Committee regret that neither of these delegates could be present with us.

From these Minutes, your Committee learn, that this branch of the Christian Church is in a properous condition, and that the Lord has blessed all their labors with signal success, in which your Committee rejoice.

The next annual meeting of the General Assembly will be held in Dayton, Ohio, May 19th, 1864, and 11 o'clock, A. M.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. HOFFMEIER, *Chairman.*

II.) REPORTS OF DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Synod of the German Reformed Church of Ohio and adjacent States.—The following report was received from the delegate to this body:

Your delegate to the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States begs leave to report, that he attended the sessions of that body during its last

annual meeting, held in Tiffin, Seneca county, Ohio, from the 27th of May to the evening of the 1st of June, 1863. According to an arrangement in the Western Synod, its last meeting was a general Synod. The attendance was large, and much interest was manifested by all present in the business transacted. One afternoon of the sessions was devoted to the subject of the present Tercentenary Celebration. Interesting addresses were delivered by members of Synod. Your delegate, by invitation, took part in these exercises. The Western Church joins cordially in the celebration of the present year, and is laboring to turn the occasion to account in the way of increasing the endowment of their Literary and Theological Institutions, as well as to revive and invigorate the benevolent operations of the Church.

During the meeting of Synod, the inauguration of Prof. H. Rust, as German Professor in the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, took place. The exercises were held in the 2nd German Reformed church, and were of a highly interesting and solemn character.

The Western Synod, anxious for a final settlement of the Liturgical Question, which has engaged the earnest attention of the Church for a number of years, and differing somewhat perhaps in its views on this subject from the Eastern Synod, appointed a committee at its last meeting to prepare a Liturgy, in case the German Synod does not see its way clear to have one prepared to suit their wants. This Committee, however, is to act only by permission of the General Synod. At the same time, it must be stated, that the Western Synod is by no means unanimous in its own views on this general subject. We have no doubt but that the Church, East and West, will yet be able to unite in the adoption of a uniform mode of worship, as they are now united in one symbol of faith.

Rev. E. E. Higbee was elected corresponding delegate to this Synod. For other particulars in the proceedings, the Synod is referred to their published Minutes.

Your delegate was treated with great kindness and courtesy, and authorized to bear to this Synod assurances of the continued regard and affection of the Western Synod.

Travelling Expenses incurred $31,25.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS G. APPLE.

German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States.—The following report was received from the delegate to this body:

Your delegate to the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania has attended the 116th annual meeting of that body, held at Reading, Pa., during Trinity week, May 31—June 4th, of the current year. The principal topics which claimed his atten-

tion were the adoption of a new Catechism for Sunday Schools based on the smaller Catechism of Luther; the arrangements for the preparation of a new English Hymn book which is to be published in connection with Luther's Catechism, the Ausgburg Confession and the regular Sunday services of the Liturgy; also the plan of a union of this oldest Synod of the Lutheran Church in America with the East Pennsylvania Synod, and the proposition to establish a mission in China. The discussions were interesting and carried on in a kind and Christian spirit. Our Sister Church seems to be in a prosperous and growing condition. Twelve candidates for the ministry were examined and ordained.

In his parting address, your delegate took occasion to state at some length his views on the proper relation between our Church and the Lutheran, and to explain the meaning and object of our Tercentenary movement as a means of raising our denominational self-respect, efficiency and usefulness on a truly evangelical catholic basis, and with the kindest feelings towards our sister denominations, and more especially towards the Lutheran Confession, with which we are so closely united and interwoven by ties of nationality, language, social and ecclesiastical intercourse, a common history of three hundred years and a common interest in the modern evangelical theology and literature of Germany and in the spiritual welfare of the large German population in our country. The worthy President, the Rev. Dr. C. W. Schaeffer, responded in a courteous and fraternal spirit and charged your delegate with the kindest Christian regards and wishes of his body for the German Reformed Church.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP SCHAFF.

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.—The following report was received from delegate to this body:

The delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church at Philadelphia, would report respectfully,

That he regrets that he found it inconvenient to attend the sessions of this ecclesiastical body, owing to various circumstances, among which the chief one was severe family affliction. Being under the impression that the General Assembly would convene some weeks later than it actually did, the meeting was at hand before he was aware of it, and there was in consequence not time enough to to give due notice to the alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

E. V. GERHART.

III.) APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

The following persons were elected delegates to Corresponding bodies:

he German Reformed Synod of Ohio and adjacent States.—
Joshua H. Derr, *primarius*, and Rev. John Rebaugh, *se-*
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he Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and
it States—Rev. Benjamin S. Schneck, D. D., *primarius*,
ev. Nicholas Gehr, *secundus*.
he General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church—
.mos H. Kremer, *primarius*, and Rev. Jacob Hassler, *se-*

the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.—Rev.
s F. McCauley, *primarius*, and Rev. Prof. Theodore
secundus.
he General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church.
. George B. Russell, *primarius*, and Rev. Jacob O. Miller,
us.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RELATING TO CORRESPONDENCE.

:he afternoon of the second day of the sessions, the pres-
f the Rev. G. Henry Mandeville, delegate from the Gen-
rnod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church was an-
ɔd. An opportunity was afforded him to present the
for which he was delegated to this Synod, of which he
l himself. His remarks were cordially responded to by
esident. The Synod thereupon appointed the Rev.
Harbaugh, D. D., Isaac Gerhart, Jacob Ziegler, and
John Ermentrout, a committee to report a minute on
bject on which the Synod had just been addressed,
/, the re-opening of the correspondence with the General
of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church.
committee submitted the following report which was
d and adopted:

:ommittee to whom was referred the synodical action of the
ed Protestant Dutch Church, (p. 276) as presented by the
e of that body, the Rev. G. Henry Mandeville, on the subject
wing correspondence between the Synods, would recommend
owing action:
.at we extend to the delegate, and through him to the Church
esents, our cordial Christian greeting.
at we approve of the object contemplated in his appoint-
amely, to re-open correspondence by a mutual interchange of
es.
at this Synod appoint————*primarius*, and————
r to attend the next meeting of the Synod of the Reformed
ant Dutch Church as delegates from this body.
at the Secretary be instructed to furnish the delegate from
ormed Dutch Church with a copy of this action.

H. HARBAUGH, *Chairman*.

An election for delegates to the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, was accordingly ordered to take place, as provided for in the above report.

The Committee on Minutes of Synod called the attention of Synod to the proposition from the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in regard to the terms of Correspondence, action on which was deferred until the present meeting. As no further information was elicited in regard to the precise nature of the wishes of the Lutheran Synod, the matter was permitted to lie on the table.

The Committee on Overtures reported a communication from the German Evangelical Church Diet, signed by the officers, Dr. Hoffmann and Dr. Wichern. The communication was read, and then referred to a committee, consisting of the Rev. John Beck, Henry Wagner and Elder John Meily. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee, to whom was referred the letter from the Evangelical Church Diet, would report the following action in regard to it:

Resolved, That the letter be translated into English and be published in the proceedings of Synod.

Resolved, That the officers of the Synod be, and hereby are instructed to prepare a reply to this letter, and send it in time for the next annual meeting of the Church Diet.

Respectfully submitted,

J. BECK, *Chairman.*

The following is the letter referred to in the above report:

THE GERMAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH DIET,

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the U. S.
Highly Respected and dear Brethren in the Lord!

At both of the last meetings of the Church Diet, in Barmen and Brandenburg, you have again given us evidence, such as strengthens faith, of the brotherly and intercessory sympathy, with which, at one time by the presence of beloved brethren, who were sent to us by your Church, and then again by letter, you have followed the Church Diet from the beginning. It is not the want of grateful love, that has prevented us from addressing to you these brotherly words, immediately after the meeting of the Church Diet and in compliance with its instructions; but the grounds of our long silence lie in the domestic and official relations of those, upon whom devolved the duty of carrying out the instructions of the Church Diet. Allow us even at this late hour, to assure you, how highly we prize the bond of evangelical love, which binds you and us together, and by which

the heart becomes strong to confess Him by whom we wish to be confessed before His Father in heaven. Every word of love that comes to us from your transatlantic world inspires us with cheerful courage, to bear high before all evangelical Christians, in the midst of the conflicts of the present age, the banner of the communion of even differently constituted German Evangelical Churches.

To you has commenced with the present year, a Jubilee year of recollection and thanksgiving, highly important to us also, and we with you praise the Lord, who has so richly blessesd our fathers with his spirit of illumination and power, that we, even at this day, through their fostering hand and by their rich knowledge of salvation, can flourish and bloom, even as the Almighty does not impose silence upon the voices in the external world. We remember our evangelical brethren with intercessory love in the midst of the severe conflicts through which your fatherland has now to pass, and cherish the joyful confidence, that the river will continue to flow whose streams "shall make glad the city of our God," even though the storm howls around her. Yea, we cannot forbear indulging the hope, that even out of this visitation of God, blessings will flow for His Church. Let us, beloved brethren, in good and evil days, stand fast upon the eternal foundation, which is under us, and joyfully look forward to the times of victory, which the Lord has promised to His Church. As the old and the new belong together in the kingdom of God, so do you and we! The Lord preserve to us your love and prayers, even as we assure you of ours.

Berlin, July 31st, 1863.

The President of the German Evangelical Church Diet, and in compliance with its instructions,

DR. HOFFMANN,
General Superintendent of Kurmark.

The Central Committee for Inner Missions of the German Evangelical Church Diet,

DR. WICHERN.

On the afternoon of the fourth day of the sessions, the Rev. G. Henry Mandeville, delegate from the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, took his leave of Synod in a brief but appropriate address, the kind sentiments of which were cordially responded to by the President on behalf of Synod. On the evening of the same day, the Rev. E. E. Higbee, delegate from the German Reformed Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, and the Rev. George J. Martz, delegate from the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States, took their leave of Synod in similar circumstances.

On the afternoon of the fifth day of the sessions, the Rev. Dr. Wing, of the Presbyterian Church appeared in Synod. He was afforded an opportunity to make some remarks. He stated that he was requested by the delegate appointed by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church to this Synod to present a copy of the Minutes of the last annual sessions of the Assembly, and offer his apology and regret for his unavoidable absence.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported. Their report was disposed of item by item and then adopted. It is as follows:

The Committee in Classical Minutes beg leave to report:

I.) IRREGULARITIES.

1.) New York Classis elected but one delegate to attend upon the approaching General Synod.

2.) Zion's Classis confirms a call from Mechanicsburg charge without giving the name of the person to whom it was extended.

3.) Zion's Classis received Rev. D. W. Kelley, from Sandusky Classis, without the regular certificate of dismission.

4.) Maryland Classis received Rev. J. M. Titzel, from Virginia Classis, without the presentation of the usual credentials.

5.) Virginia Classis failed to furnish Synod a copy of its minutes.

6.) North Carolina Classis failed to furnish Synod with a copy of her minutes.

7.) Goshenhoppen Classis has furnished no Statistical table separate from the body of her minutes.

8.) Philadelphia Classis has furnished no report on the State of Religion or Statistical table separate from the body of her minutes.

II.) REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1.) Lancaster Classis respectfully requests, that Synod take up the subject of Compends and Paraphrases of the Catechism, and determine within what limits and under what conditions they may be admitted to lawful use in our congregations.

2.) Philadelphia Classis requests, that, inasmuch as her minutes do not show which of the charges have paid in full or in part their portion of the $17000 fund, Synod make an appropriation from the Tercentenary contributions raised by said Classis to the liquidation of her deficieney, viz., $670.02.

3.) Clarion Classis requests Synod to notice the Licensure and Ordination of Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher at her annual meeting in 1862.

4.) Goshenhoppen Classis requests Synod to define a geographical boundry between Goshenhoppen and East Pennsylvania Classes.

5.) Maryland Classis respectfully and earnestly invokes the aid of Synod in getting our unoccupied ministers into the work of the ministry.

6.) Zion's Classis requests Synod to attach Shippensburg charge to that Classis.

7.) Mercersburg Classis requests Synod to urge upon all the Classes, the duty of making it a condition of admission to examination and licensure, on the part of all applicants for licensure from the Theological Seminary, that they present a regular certificate of dismission and recommendation for licensure from the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

8.) Mercersburg Classis requests Synod to open a column in her statistics, headed "Church Extension."

9.) Mercersburg Classis requests Synod to cause to be prepared, under the direction of the Treasurer of the Board of Beneficiary Education, a full and complete list of all beneficiaries from the origin of the present Beneficiary System, to the present time, and to lay the same before Synod at its meeting in 1864, with a view to appropriate measures to be taken towards the repayment of funds from such as are under obligations to the Board, and who have the means of doing so.

10.) New York Classis proposes a division of its territory into two Classes, one to be called the New York Classis, the other Western New York Classis, and requests Synod to sanction such division.

11.) New York Classis requests Synod to translate the Provisional Liturgy into German, to the place where the forms of family devotion begin.

12.) New York Classis demands that the $75.00 which stand on the face of the Minutes of Synod of last year, as a debt of said Classis on the Theological Seminary Assessment, shall no more appear there, inasmuch as the Synod has at a previous meeting ordered said $75,00 to be erased.

III.) SYNOD'S REQUESTS TO CLASSES.

1. Classes generally accede to the requests of Synod, with respect to the election of only such delegates to Synod, who will remain to the close of her sessions; with respect to Missions, the opening of a new Statistical column for Benevolent Contributions, and the payment of the Contingent fund of Synod. Synod's recommendation for the observance of the Tercentenary Festival was acceded to by all the Classes whose minutes were received.

2.) The response as to the change of the name of the Church from German Reformed, to "Evangelical Reformed," is as follows:

Yeas—East Susquehanna by one majority, St. Paul's, Mercersburg and Maryland, if there be no legal impediment in the way, Zion's and Goshenhoppen, 6.

Nays—West Susquehanna, Lancaster and Lebanon, (if any change

is made prefers "Reformed Church,") Clarion, New York, East Pennsylvania, 6.

Non Liquet.—Philadelphia.

IV.) LICENSURE, ORDINATION, RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSIONS.

1.) New York Classis dismissed Rev. J. Lichtenstein to Miami Classis, and received Rev. J. B. Kniest, from Tiffin Classis.

2.) East Pennsylvania Classis licensed John Sykes, Paul Wald, and Robert Lisberger; ordained the Licentiates W. R. Hofford, Paul Wald and Robert Lisberger; dismissed Rev. J. H. Dubbs to Goshenhoppen Classis; and received Rev. N. S. Strassburger from Goshenhoppen Classis.

3.) Goshenhoppen Classis received Rev. J. H. Dubbs, from East Pennsylvania Classis, and ordained Licentiates W. G. Engle and P. P. A. Hoffman.

4.) Zion's Classis received Rev. John Ault, from Mercersburg Classis; dismissed the Rev. A. R. Kremer to Mercersburg Classis, and licensed J. Kretzing, W. F. P. Davis and E. B. Wilson.

5.) Philadelphia Classis received Rev. A. Romich from the Lebanon Classis.

6.) Lebanon Classis dismissed Rev. A. Romich to the Philadelphia Classis; licensed Reinhart R. Schmidt, and Uriah B. Heilman, and ordained Uriah B. Heilman.

7.) St. Paul's Classis received Rev. G. B. Russell from Westmoreland Classis.

8.) Maryland Classis received Rev. E. R. Eschbaugh from Westmoreland Classis, Rev. J. W. Hoffmeier from Lancaster Classis, Rev. J. M. Titzel from Virginia Classis, and dismissed Licentiate Edmund Erb to New York Classis.

9.) Mercersburg Classis received Rev. Walter E. Krebs from Maryland Classis, and Rev. Abner R. Kremer from Zion's Classis; dismissed Rev. A. S. Vaughan to Maryland Classis, Rev. B. Bausman to Lebanon Classis, Rev. John Ault to Zion's Classis, and Licentiate Geo. H. Johnson to Westmoreland Classis; and ordained Licentiates John W. Love and Nehemiah H. Skyles.

10.) West Susquehanna Classis received Rev. S. Kuhn from Zion's Classis; dismissed Rev. G. W. M. Schultz to St. Joseph's Classis and Rev. S. Gutelius to East Susquehanna Classis.

11.) Lancaster Classis licensed H. H. W. Hibshman, and dismissed him to Westmoreland Classis.

12.) East Susquehanna Classis received Rev. S. Gutelius from West Susquehanna Classis and Rev. H. Losch from Westmoreland Classis: licensed and ordained W. C. Cremer, and licensed D. P. Diehl.

V.) ANNUAL MEETINGS OF CLASSES.

1.) West Susquehanna Classis will hold its next annual meeting at Williamsport, Pa., on the 3rd Thursday in May, A. D., 1864, at 7

o'clock, P. M. Rev. A. B. Caspar, *President*, and Rev. D. G. Klein, *Stated Clerk*.

2.) Lancaster Classis will hold its next annual meeting at Elizabethtown, Lancaster county, Pa., on the 1st Friday after Trinity Sunday, A. D., 1864, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. D. Gans, *President*, and F. A. Gast, *Stated Clerk*.

3.) East Susquehanna Classis will hold its next annual meeting in Wapwallopen, Luzerne county, Pa., on the 4th Thursday of May, 1864, at 7 o'clock P. M. Rev. J. Fritzinger, *President*, and Rev. W. Goodrich, *Stated Clerk*.

4.) New York Classis will hold its next annual meeting in Buffalo, N. Y., on Thursday after Pentecost, A. D., 1864, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. D. Willers, *President*, and Rev. H. Bentz, *Secretary, pro tem.*

5.) East Pennsylvania Classis will hold its next annual meeting in Tamaqua, Schuylkill county, Pa., on the 1st Tuesday in June, A. D., 1864, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Rev. J. Beck, *President*, and Rev. J. Gantenbein, *Stated Clerk*.

6.) Maryland Classis will hold its next annual meeting in Boonsboro, Washington county, Md., on Friday evening preceding Trinity Sunday, 1864, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. M. L. Shuford, *President*, and W. F. Colliflower, *Stated Clerk*.

7.) Mercersburg Classis will hold its next annual meeting at Waynesboro', Franklin county, Pa., on Friday, May 20th, 1864, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. T. G. Apple, *President*, and Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk*.

8.) Lebanon Classis will hold its next annual meeting at Annville, Lebanon county, Pa., on Friday evening succeeding Ascension Day, 1864, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. Geo. Wolff, *President*, and Rev. J. E. Hiester, *Stated Clerk*.

9.) Philadelphia Classis will hold its next annual meeting at Boehm's church, Montgomery county, Pa., Tuesday, May 17th, 1864, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Minutes of Synod 250 English, 150 German. Rev. S. G. Wagner, *President*, and Rev. Jacob Dahlman, *Stated Clerk*.

10.) Zion's Classis will hold its next annual meeting at Hanover, York county, Pa., on the 3rd Friday in May, 1864, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. W. K. Zieber, *President*, and Rev. T. P. Bucher, *Stated Clerk*.

11.) Clarion Classis will hold its next annual meeting at St. Peter's Church, Richland Tp., Clarion Co., Pa., on the last Thursday in May, 1864, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Rev. C. A. Limberg, *President*, and Rev. J. G. Shoemaker, *Secretary*.

12.) Goshenhoppen Classis will hold its next anuual meeting at Tinicum, Bucks county, Pa., the 1st Friday before Ascension day, 1864, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Rev. R. A. Van Court, *President*, and Rev. W. G. Engle, *Secretary*.

13.) St. Paul's Classis will hold its next annual meeting at Meadville, Crawford county, Pa., on the 1st Thursday in June 1864, at 7½

o'clock, P. M. Rev. S. N. Callender, *President*, and Rev. L. J. Mayer, *Stated Clerk*.

VI.) RESTORATIONS, AND EXCLUSIONS FROM THE MINISTRY.

1.) Goshenhoppen Classis erased the name of the Rev. Wm. Philips from the list of its members.

2.) Mercersburg Classis struck the name of Rev. Daniel M. Giles from its roll.

3.) Lebanon Classis excluded Isaac Miese from the office of the Christian ministry, and restored Rev. H. Bokum to said office.

4.) East Pennsylvania Classis disposed C. G. Eichenberg from the Christian ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

S. N. CALLENDER, *Chairman*.

For the action of Synod on the Items reported as Irregularities, and on Requests No. 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 11, see Article XXI, Appeals and References; on Requests No. 1 and 10, see Article XX, Church Government; on Request No. 9, see Article XIII, Theological Seminary; and on Request No. 12, see Article XVI, Finance. Request No. 3 was granted.

The remaining items in the report were approved.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

Application was made in behalf of William H. H. Snyder, from the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, for licensure. He was referred to the Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination. This Committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, would respectfully report,

That only one candidate has been referred to them, namely, Mr. W. H. H. Snyder, whom they have examined in the usual branches of Theology, and that the examination was entirely satisfactory to the committee, and he is hereby accordingly recommended for Licensure, and it is further recommended, that he be continued under the care of the Mercersburg Classis, under whose supervision he pursued his studies.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA H. DERR, *Chairman*.

The officers of Synod were instructed to furnish Mr. Snyder with the usual certificate of Licensure, after he shall have signed the formula prescribed by the Constitution in the case of licentiates.

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports reported. Their report was received, amended and adopted, and is as follows.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully submit the following as their report:

Through the great goodness of God, our Heavenly Father, we have been permitted to assemble ourselves together once more as a Synod, to review the labors of the past year, to point out the evidences of the Divine Presence in our churches, humbly to confess our sins and shortcomings, and devoutly to thank God that we are still permitted to labor as co-workers with Christ, in building up his kingdom on earth.

In all the reports on the state of religion, as they have come up to us from the different Classes, reference is made to two facts, the War, and the Jubileum of the Catechism. These are represented as having exerted an important influence on the churches and the cause of religion generally among us. They, no doubt, have been important factors concerned in modifying the general progress of the Church, and as such, must be regarded as prominent points of view, from which we may make a survey of our history during the past year.

Owing to the civil war, we have no delegates among us from the Classes of Virginia and North Carolina, and no communication of any kind to inform us of the condition of our congregations in those States. Sufficient is known to fill us with sorrow, in view of the moral blight which has fallen upon them, and of the severe trials through which they have passed. It is hoped that they may yet emerge from the deep tribulation into which they have fallen, and again become flourishing branches of our Reformed Zion. It is gratifying to know, that at least some of our brethren south of the Potomac, sigh over their separation from us, and, in solitude, mourn that they are not enabled to unite with us in the festivities of the present year.

The remainder of our churches, which are farther removed from the seat of war, have been permitted, with slight exceptions, to continue their appointed work, but, in the nature of the case, they have suffered more or less in consequence of the commotions, which have been convulsing our land from one end to the other. The Classes, generally, complain of the evil, which the churches have suffered in this way. In times like these, when the very foundations on which we stand, are shaking and threatening to give way, many of the restraints, which men are accustomed to respect in ordinary times, are too weak to keep them within the bounds of ordinary morality.

Thus one of the Classes says that profanity, intemperance, Sabbath desecration, and kindred sins, have been on the increase in the community, and, in general, created an unfriendly atmosphere on the outside of the Church, which has seriously interfered with the progress of the gospel. Men now swear and get drunk, who, at other times, would have been ashamed to have been found guilty of such vulgar sins. This hostile atmosphere of the world, has, moreover, in many cases, entered the Church, and polluted the sanctuary. The general excitement in the public mind, the intense interest aroused by the stirring events of the day, as well as the evil passions elicited by political or partisan rancor, have kept many from the house of God and carried them along in the whirlwind excitement of the hour. A morbid taste, a never satisfied thirst for sensational news has been formed, and the peaceful, lovely ways of Zion have lost their attractions. The newspaper and the bulletin-board have, in many cases, supplied a more acceptable aliment for the mind and the heart, than the ministrations of God's house. Political feeling has been allowed to divide and lacerate the body of Christ, and, as we are told, some of our ministerial brethren have been severely tried in their efforts to preserve the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace.

But however great the temptations may be, such and other evils that might be mentioned, ought not to be the results of the fearful struggle through which the nation is at present passing. As Christians, we are bound to regard the war as a judgment sent upon us for our sins, as a means of our purification, and as a way for the future progress of the Redemer's kingdom on earth. "When these things begin to come to pass," says Christ, "then look up, and lift up your heads: for your redemption draweth nigh."

The troubles and calamities, that have come upon us as a nation, should be the means of humbling all true Christians in the dust, in view of our sins as a people; should draw them nearer to Christ, and more frequently to the sanctuary, as the most blessed retreat from the passing storm, and should call into active exercise all the graces of the Christian life. This is a time when the most expansive charity should abound, when the lamp of faith should be bright and burning, and when the churches of the land should be more intensely engaged in their Master's work than in ordinary times. Whilst we should discharge our duties faithfully as citizens, as Christians we ought to be especially engaged in prayers and supplications to Almighty God, that he may remove the scourge from us, and open up the way for the return of peace and harmony to our distracted land. There could be no better occasion for the exercise of faith and prayer, and we know that there is no agency, which can accomplish more for the suppression of the present rebellion and the restoration of *civil order*, than ardent, united, persevering prayer in the churches.

If the night be dark, the storm high, and fearful waves dash upon our vessel, we are not to suppose that Christ has forsaken His Church, or that it is destined to be swallowed up by the yawning billows; on the contrary, we are rather to believe that He is nearer to us than at other times, and that with a sleepless eye, He stands ready to interpose in our behalf, and, with a word, to calm the troubled elements of discord and confusion. But He will not interpose in our behalf, except as we are duly exercised by our afflictions, and so feel the pressure of the occasion, as to be compelled to exclaim in our anguish, Lord! save us or we perish! This is a Christian land, and we have become a mighty nation, because God has assigned to us a great work to perform, and not that we should simply realize certain favorite political theories of our own. Hence as Christians, not as politicians or statesmen, or political theorizers, we cannot fail to feel and believe, that the Church has at this crisis a most responsible work to perform, greater than that of the army or navy, to stand in the breach, and by humble supplications and prayers to save us from anarchy, and restore to us the civil order. How far our own denomination has been exercised in this way, and how far we as a people have brought forth the peaceable fruits of righteousness in consequence of our afflictions, it is difficult for us to say. From the general progress of the Church, which is noticeable in all the reports from the Classes, we may hope that our public calamities have in many cases been overruled for good; that if some have relaxed in their zeal for Christ and His cause, others have been drawn nearer to Him, and sought a higher standard of faith and devotion. In any view of the case, there is no doubt good reason that the Church should send out from this our annual assembly an urgent entreaty to our brethren everywhere to watch and pray.

If the duties of loyalty and patriotism have called forth the highest exemplifications of heroism, of courage, of zeal and love for the principles, which lie at the foundation of our government, why should there not be in the churches some corresponding manifestations of a noble and generous devotion to the cause of Christ, which in these times suffers with the civil order?

The other fact, to which we have adverted as having made a decided impression on the Church during the year, is the Tercentenary Celebration of the formation and adoption of the Catechism. It is something remarkable, that we have been brought providentially to celebrate this interesting event in the midst of war and trials of every kind. It might appear at first view as if the year set apart for this purpose were unsuitable and uncongenial. So it was supposed by many when it commenced, but our fears have not been realized. Whilst in the affairs of the nation God has hidden himself behind a frowning providence, in the Church He has lifted upon us the light of his countenance, and caused us to rejoice in his favor and smiles.

All the Classes have united in this joyous festival, and they all speak of its happy effect upon our people. Only one Classis complains of a want of interest in it. This is doubtless owing to a misunderstanding of its nature and design.

We are not using the language of exaggeration, we think, when we say, that no event has occurred in our Reformed Zion since it was planted in this western world, that has exerted such a wide reaching influence. Never before have our people united so generally or so cheerfully in the same good work. The full fruits of this festive year will no doubt be seen after many days. Thus far, we may hope, we have only gathered the first fruits and devoted them to the Lord. The occasion has served to excite a lively interest in our own branch of the Reformed family. It has made us familiar with its origin and history, with its doctrines and customs, with its heroes and saints, and, especially with the spirit and genius of our venerated Catechism. This has had the effect to a greater or less extent to create a proper Church-consciousness, and made us to feel that we have a distinct work and mission to accomplish among other Churches of the land. In tracing back our history to the Reformation period, we have also learned how closely we are related to other Churches of the Reformation, and we have been drawn closer to our sister Churches in the same great Protestant family. The celebration has thus far been kept remarkably free from a sectarian character or bias, and our brethren of other denominations have witnessed this whole movement with interest and bidden us God-speed: so that love for the Church of Christ generally is, we hope, promoted, rather than retarded by this revival of denominational love and attachment. The truth is, its direct tendency is towards a greater unity among the divided members of the Christian family, for which we should continually strive and pray.

It is with pleasure we advert to the part which the children of the Church, especially in our Sabbath Schools, are permitted to take in this solemnity. No doubt the impressions made on their youthful minds during the present year will be as good seed cast into good soil, which will spring up and bring forth fruit abundantly in years to come.

The occasion, as is well known, has been employed for the purpose of calling into active exercise the liberality and benevolence of the Church. An opportunity is extended to our entire membership, old and young, to present a free-will offering to the Lord. A fair beginning has already been made in this way. The liberal contributions, which have been made towards the permanent endowment of Franklin and Marshall College by some of the more wealthy members of the Church, has taken many of us by surprise. When we remember how difficult it was not many years ago to induce our people to devise liberal things for our Literary and Theological In-

stitutions, it is truly refreshing to hear of the prompt responses which have been made to the appeals of the College Agent. We thank God and take courage by the way. The other Institutions of the Church are also receiving attention, but it is to be feared that thus far they have not been remembered with such enlarged and liberal views as they deserve. The College is secondary in importance to the Seminary, and was established in order that the latter might render a more efficient service. It is hoped, therefore, that the Seminary, as well as other general interests, may become the objects of similar munificent benefactions. In order that this may be the happy result, much labor must be peformed, so as to call forth the charity of every part of the Church, before the close of this year of thanksgiving and rejoicing. Our wealthier members have shown a noble example of benevolence, the little children are bringing up their offerings to the Lord; now let all others follow in their footsteps, so that rich and poor, young and old, may be united in the same good work.

Thus whilst the dark cloud of civil war has been hanging over our beloved land, and our ears have become familiar with reports from the battle-field, the lamps in the sanctuary have been trimmed and burning, and the Great Head of the Church has been passing by diffusing throughout our borders the odor of his presence, and calling us as a denomination to rest safely under his protection. Truly He giveth us songs in the night. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion, the city of the great King. God is known in her palaces for a refuge. Mark well her bulwarks, consider her palaces, that ye may tell it to the generation following. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.

Apart from the leading facts in our history during the year, which have been considered, the general progress of the Church has been very much of the same kind as it has been for a number of years past. There has been no decline, but rather an onward movement. The Classes report an increased interest in the means of grace, especially as it regards the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. The importance of these sealing ordinances has been generally urged by our pastors and with good effect. Infant Baptism, it seems, is more generally attended to than formerly, and has been a source of comfort to parents, and of spiritual advantage to their children. The religious education of the rising generation, which flows as a necessary consequence from the covenant relation established in baptism, has been faithfully urged by our pastors; still complaints are made of the want of proper religious training in the family, so that many of our youth are not sufficiently prepared to receive the full benefit of catechetical instruction from the pastors. It is, therefore, to be feared, that however correct our views may be in regard to the religious training of our children, the duty itself is not by any

means as generally discharged as it should be. This is a vital point to our existence and prosperity as a denomination, and it doubtless calls for increased attention on the part of pastors and congregations.

The additions to the churches by confirmation has been encouraging, showing that whilst the turbulence of the times and other causes have diminished our membership, or caused the love of some to grow cold, others in the youth and vigor of life have come forward to take their places. The progress, however, of which we speak, is not so general as it should be. There are still portions of the Church, in which the true light shines but dimly, and where the evidences of a new life are only beginning to manifest themselves. There are also many in all parts of the Church, who have the form of godliness, but are without its power. Many have not yet learned to answer, experimentally and practically, the first question of the Catechism, that they belong to the Lord Jesus Christ, in body and soul, in life and death.

If the past year has been one of growth and prosperity in the midst of trials and tribulations in Church and State, it has been a year of suffering as well as of rejoicing. Many of our youth, and others of riper years, have perished on the field of battle, in defence of our civil and religious institutions. Many of our families are thus clothed in the habiliments of mourning. We sympathize with them in their severe trials, and pray that they may enjoy the presence of the great Comforter, and that the widow and fatherless may find protection and rest under the shadow of His wings. Death has been more than usually active in our congregations. Our losses in this way constitute a part of the great affliction, which now rests on this land, and ought, therefore, to be taken so much the more seriously to heart.

The reports of the Classes mention the departure of only two of our ministerial brethren. The first is the Rev. J. R. Kooken, of the Classis of Philadelphia. This brother, on account of failing health, was compelled, a number of years ago, to relinquish the active duties of the ministry, and to seek for some other sphere of labor. For a while he was engaged as a teacher, afterwards as United States Consul at Trinidad de Cuba, but at the outbreak of the war, he returned to this country and offered his services to the government in the suppression of the rebellion. Having some military knowledge, he became the captain of a company of volunteers from this State. He fell at the head of his company on the sanguinary battle field at Fredericksburg, as a brave officer, leaving many to deplore his untimely death. Rev. E. H. Hoffheins has also taken up his pilgrim staff and taken his journey to the better land. He was called away from the midst of his ministerial labors, and with the prospect of much usefulness before him. He was faithful and diligent as a

laborer in the vineyard of the Lord, and his death is deplored alike by his congregations and his brethren in the ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPEL, *Chairman.*

[For Statistical Report, see Appendix.]

Resolved, That the several pastors of the Church be requested to read this report to their people from the pulpit.

The following Religious Exercises were observed during the sessions of Synod :

1.) The sessions of each day were opened and closed with religious exercises.

2.) A committee on religious exercises was appointed, consisting of the Rev. Samuel Philips, George E. Addams, David W. Wolf, William H. Groh, and Elders John P. Hassler and Lewis H. Knode, who submitted the following report, which was adopted :

Religious exercisis for Friday Afternoon :—

Hymn, by Rev. J. K. Millet ;

Prayer, by Rev. J. Ziegler ;

Addresses, by Rev. G. J. Martz, and Rev. D. Willers ;

Prayer, by Rev. H. Wagner ;

Hymn, by Rev, J. G. Fritchey.

Prayer meeting every morning during the sessions of Synod, from half-past 8 to 9 o'clock.

Appointments to supply the pulpits during the sessions of Synod :

German Reformed church, Rev. I. K. Loos, on Friday evening ;
Rev. W. E. Krebs, preparatory sermon on Saturday afternoon ;
Sabbath School Offering on Saturday evening ;
Prayer meeting, Sabbath morning, at 9 o'clock ;
Rev. E E. Higbee, sacramental sermon, on Sabbath morning
Rev. I. G. Brown, on Sabbath evening ;
Addresses to the Sunday School, on Sunday at 3 o'clock, P. M., by Rev. J. H. Derr, G. Henry Mandeville and Jacob O Miller.

First Presbyterian church, Rev. D. Gans, on Sunday morning ;
Rev. E. E. Higbee, in the evening.

Second Presbyterian church, Rev. Dr. H. Harbaugh, morning;
Rev. W. M. Riely, in the evening.

College Chapel church, Rev. Dr. Gerhart, in the morning ;
Rev. G. W. Aughinbaugh, in the evening.

First Methodist E. church, Rev. P. S. Davis, in the morning ;
Rev. S. N. Callender, in the evening.

First Lutheran church, Rev. J. Beck, in the morning ;
Prof. Appel, in the evening.

German Lutheran church, Rev. C. A. Limberg, in the morning; Rev. F. Strassner, in the evening.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL PHILIPS, *Chairman.*

The religious exercises for Synod, on Friday afternoon, were ordered to take place at 3 o'clock. At the time appointed, these religious exercises were observed in the order proposed by the Committee. The several other appointments made by the committee were filled, by the persons, to whom they had been assigned.

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. REPORTS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND VISITORS.

a.) *Report of the Board of Trustees.*

The following report was received from the President of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary:

To the Synod of the Ger. Ref. Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN:—As President of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Church, it is made my duty to submit to you their annual report.

The year through which we have passed, has been marked by more than common excitement, disturbing more or less the Finances of our country. We, however, have reason to be thankful, that, in a financial point of view, our investments have yielded fair returns.

The Tercentenary celebration, in which it has been the happy privilege of our Church at large to engage, may have been somewhat effected. Your Board were fearful that the benefactions of the Church may have suffered, in not being so large, owing to the unsettled state of the country, as under more favorable circumstances they might have been. War carries with it its evils.

During the retreat of the invading Rebel army, large numbers of their wounded were captured. A portion of them amounting to some five hundred, were brought to Mercersburg, and for their accommodation, the Seminary building was taken possession of by an officer of the Government, and held for some time for Hospital purposes. A short time before the opening of the Fall session, application was made to the proper officer for the removal of the remaining wounded, which, with but little delay, was effected. The building, however, was left in a miserably filthy condition, needing renovation and repairs.

The committee on the Seminary building was directed to have the building thoroughly cleansed and repaired. In obedience to the instructions of the Board, it was made ready for the reception of the Professors and students. A committee was appointed to make out,

and present a claim against the Government for the use and occupancy of the Seminary building, payment for which, it is hoped, will be received in due time.

Your Board are happy in being able to say, that, although the building was wholly occupied, our Library remained undisturbed. Fears were entertained that we should experience much damage in that way, there being no time to place the books in a place of security. But fortunately no injury was sustained, so far as regards the Library.

Application was made by Mrs. Hannah Renninger for an abatement on the subscription of her deceased husband, of five hundred dollars. This subscription was made at a time, when Mr. Renninger felt himself fully able to pay it. It was, however, made appear to your Board, that, through subsequent misfortune, his estate was incumbered, and greatly embarrassed, and its payment now would bear hard upon his widow and heirs. Under all these circumstances, your Board felt called upon to reduce the claim to four hundred dollars, if paid within ninety days, hoping that this arrangement will meet with the sanction of Synod.

The Treasurer reports a considerable amount of the Endowment Fund as having been paid in and accumulating on his hands, from the fact, that no satisfactory investment could be found. At a previous meeting of the Board, he was directed to invest a portion of it in six per cent 5–20 Government coupon bonds. There still remains in his hands $2,000 of the Endowment Fund. In view of the difficulty in securing satisfactory investments, the Board would respectfully ask the direction of Synod in the case.

The Board have refrained from making the repairs in the Seminary building made necessary by their occupancy for army purposes. In view of its close proximity to the theatre of war on our border, being open to invasion or military raids from the Rebel army, and not knowing what might be the feelings of Synod under such circumstances, your Board hesitated to do any thing, until specially instructed by Synod. It is indeed a subject of gratulation, that, during the invasion of July, we suffered so little. It might not be so in the future. Even while I write this report, we have the alarm of another approach of Lee's Rebel host, and the advance of the troops on the border, as a precautionary measure. This item, I have no doubt, you will give all the consideration it deserves.

The Board find pleasure in acknowledging an additional donation by the Rev. P. Schaff, D. D., as a Tercentenary offering in aid of the Tutor Fund, of $250; also a donation of $1000 from John Wiest of Philadelphia, in aid of the Theological Seminary under your care; and another of $2,000, from Robert H. Shafer, of Middletown, Md., and still another of $500, from George Besore, of Waynesboro', Pa.

There is still due by the different Classes to the apportionment

fund, designed to liquidate the remaining debt due by the Seminary of $1,739,83. The remaining, if not the only debt, is due to Franklin and Marshall College, and your Board think, that, in view of the large amount secured to the College by the Church through our Tercentenary Jubilee, the College Board should be ready and willing to cancel their obligation. An equal sum has already been paid, in the form of interest upon that obligation. Your Board, therefore, hope, that Synod will take steps at the present sessions, by making an appeal to the College Board through a committee or otherwise, to secure the extinguishment of their claim.

It appears from the statement of the Treasurer, that the finances continue to be in a flourishing state at present, and are adequate to meet the current expenses. In this time of apparent prosperity, it is all important that Synod wisely and judiciously husband its means, and if possible still further provide for any contingency that may arise. Experience, in the past financial revulsions of our country, should impress us with a wise forethought for the future. Every period of expanded financial prosperity is followed by a crushing reaction and financial prostration. That such a reaction will follow the present state of things, there can be no doubt whatever. It is wise to look forward, and anticipate the coming evil. The Tutor's fund seems to be inadequate to meet the demands upon it. Foreign exchange has been ruling at so high a figure, that the fund set apart for the purpose is insufficient to pay the Tutor in the Seminary and the Tutor abroad. It will, therefore, be necessary for Synod to make some further provision.

For an exhibit of the receipts from all the available sources, and of expenditures, you are respectfully referred to the accompanying report of the Treasurer.

Hoping that your deliberations may be blessed of God to the churches under your care, I herewith present this report.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. HEYSER, *President.*

The following is the Treasurer's report accompanying the above document:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Church.

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit my annual report as Treasurer of of the Theological Seminary from Oct. 1st, 1862, to Oct. 1st, 1863.

It will appear from this report, that the finances of the Seminary continue to be in a flourishing condition. There is an increase in the income from Bank Dividends, and also in the interest from Plainfield Bonds, over last year. The income for the current use of the Seminary for this year amounts to $2,350,30, and the expenditure

$2,148,00, leaving a balance of $202,30 in the Treasury. There has been received $450,00, principal of Plainfield Bonds, which sum has been permanently invested. A principal of $2,000,00 has also been paid over this year, which ought to be invested as soon as possible under the instructions of the Board. The Treasurer takes pleasure also in reporting a Bond of $1,000 received from John Wiest, Esq., of Philadelphia, bearing interest from January 1st, 1863, for the Seminary; also $2,000 from Rob't. Shafer of Middletown, Md., and $500 from Geo. Besore.

On the synodical apportionment account, there has been received $68,50, which, added to balance in Treasury last year, amounts to $205,68.

There is still due from

East Pennsylvania	Classis,	$483,70
Virginia	"	195,00
Lebanon	"	406,56
Philadelphia	"	238,25
Lancaster	"	176,32
Goshenhoppen	"	165,00
New York	"	75,00
		$1,739,83

As the interest on the indebtedness to the College has already more than equalled the principal, the Treasurer would recommend through the Board, that Synod either make some provision for its immediate payment, or else ask to be absolved from it by the Trustees of the College. The latter might reasonably be done in view of the large gratuities the College received from the Seminary in past years.

There has been paid in on the Theological Tutorship account, interest $513,00, and principal $1,000,00, which has been permanently invested. Dr. P. Schaff has given an additional donation this year of $250,00 to this object as a Tercentenary offering. There was a deficit in the Treasury on this account last year of $132,61. After paying but one Tutor there is still a deficiency of $19,61. Consequently there are no funds in the Treasury to pay the Tutor in Germany. Owing to the present high rate of exchange, it will be necessary to have the Treasury replenished beyond the usual amount. For this there is, however, sufficient interest due, if only it is punctually paid.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. WINGERD, *Treasurer.*

Theological Seminary in account with A. B. WINGERD, *Treasurer, from October 1st, 1862, to October, 1st, 1863.*

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Interest on Plainfield Bonds.

J. F. Pontius 6, Yellow Creek church 3, John and Geo. Hoffer 6, Christ's church, Littlestown 12, Elias Gump, Esq., Friends Cove 30, Rev. J. W. Hoffmeier 40, Rev. Dr. B. C. Wolff 6,75, Rev. A Helffenstein 17,25, Rev. H. Wagner 45, Rev. W. K. Zieber 10, Rev. P. S. Fisher 16,30, Rev. Dr. S R. Fisher 6, Rev. Theo. Fouse 6, Russell's congregation 8, A. Haderman 3, Paul Rhoads 6, John Dittman 3, N. Gruber 12, J. Rhoads 3, Rev. S. H. Reid 66, Elias Gump, Esq., 25.		$330,80

Dividends and Interest.

Kieffer Fund,	$570,00	
Keller Fund,	400,00	
Bank Dividends,	737,41	
Interest from Peter Cook's estate on Legacy,	72,00	
Interest on Sundry Investments.	210,00	
		1,889,41

Principal of Plainfield Bonds.

Rev. H. Wagner,	$100	
Rev. P. S. Fisher,	100	
N. Gruber,	100	
Rev. A. Helffenstein,	100	
Rev. S. H. Reid,	50	
		450,00

Miscellaneous.

Received Principal,	$2,000,00	
Balance from last year,	130,59	
		2,130,59
		$4,800,30

DR.

To Cash paid Dr. P. Schaff,	$1,000,00	
" " Dr. B. C. Wolff,	1,000,00	
Interest on Klopp Legacy,	40,00	
Treasurer's salary paid for keeping Books,	100,00	
Stationary, postage, &c.	8,00	
Permanently invested,	450,00	
Principal in hands Treasurer,	2,000,00	
Balance to new year,	202,30	
		$4,800,30

Synodical Apportionment Account.

CR.

PHILADELPHIA CLASSIS.

John Wiest, Race St. congregation,	$33,50	

GOSHENHOPPEN CLASSIS.

Rev. D. Rothrock,	85,00	
Balance from last year,	138.16	
		$206,66

DR.

Balance to new year,		$206,66

Theological Tutorship Fund.

CR.

By two years interest Rev. B. S. Schneck,	$60,00	
Prin. $500, and int. to date Dr. P. Schaff,	526,25	
" " Rev. B. Bausman,	537,50	
Race Street Cong. per Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger,	31,00	
R. F. Kelker,	30,00	
East Penn'a. Classis per Rev. J. Beck,	15,00	
East Susquehanna Classis,	60,00	
Zion's Classis,	45,50	
Rev. Dr. B. C. Wolff,	11,25	
John Wiest,	30,00	
West Susquehanna Classis	9,50	
Maryland Classis,	35,00	
Lebanon Classis,	32,00	
Mercersburg Classis,	39,00	
Balance due Treasurer,	19,61	
		$1,532,61

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To cash paid Rev. Wm. M. Reily,	$400,00	
" Balance due Treas. last year,	132,61	
" Permanently Invested,	1,000,00	
		$1,532,61

Summary.

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Interest on Plainfield Bonds,	$330,30	
Dividends and Interest,	1,389,41	
Principal on Plainfields Bonds,	450,00	
Synodical Apportionment,	206,66	
Miscellaneous,	2,130,59	
Theological Tutorship,	1,513,00	
		$6,519,96

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Total Disbursements,	$4,130,61	
Principal in hands Treasurer,	2,000,00	
Balance in Treasury,	389,35	
		$6,519,96

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b.) Report of the Board of Visitors.

The following report was received from the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary:

The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary respectfully offer the following report:

The Board held a special meeting in Chambersburg, November 26th, 1863, and organized for the current year by the election of Rev. John Rebaugh, *President:* Rev. T. G. Apple, *Secretary;* and Dr. S. R. Fisher, *Treasurer.* Dr. Schaff presented a communication, stating his intention to be absent from the Seminary, by permission of Synod for several months, for the purpose of delivering a course of lectures on Church History in the Theological Seminary at Andover, Massachusetts. Provision was duly made for carrying forward the exercises of the Seminary in his absence.

The Board held a regular meeting in Mercersburg at the close of the Winter term, March 30th, 1863, when the usual examinations were held and approved. The following students have been connected with the Seminary during the year: John Kretzing, E. S. Sheip, W. C. Cremer, W. F. P. Davis, F. Fox, H. H. W. Hibshman, J. M. K. Huber, W. M. Landis, M. Scheible, W. H. H. Snyder, J. P. Stein, P. Wald, M. Bachman, J. C. Hauser, C. U. Heilman, A. J. Heller, J. S. Kieffer, A. A. Krantz, W. D. Lefevre, S. S. Miller, J. G. Noss, Wm. Rupp, D. L. Schwartz, T. J. Seiple, L. C Sheip, J. Snyder, Charles G. Fisher, W. C. Haupt, C. O. Knepper, J. A. Schultz. Total 30.

The following have completed their course: F. Fox, S. M. K. Huber, W. M. Landis, M. Scheible, W. H. H. Snyder, John P. Stein, and E. S. Sheip. Several members of the Senior class left the Seminary before the end of their full course, whose names are omitted in the above. At the fall meeting which was held in Chambersburg, resolutions expressing the disapprobation of the Board in reference to their course were passed. The following resolution was also passed:

"*Resolved*, That the attention of Synod be called to the fact. that Zion's Classis, East Susquehanna Classis, Lancaster Classis, and perhaps other Classes, have disregarded the rule of Synod, endorsing the action of the Board of Visitors, which requires students from the Theological Seminary to present a regular dismission from the Board of Visitors in order to their being admitted to examination with a view to Licensure, and that additional measures be taken to prevent the further continuance of these irregularities."

The Seminary was temporarily closed on the 16th of June, on acount of the Rebel Invasion under General Lee. On the 5th of July the Seminary Building was taken possession of by order of Col. Pierce and Dr. Elliot, acting Medical Director, for Government hospital purposes. Between six and seven hundred wounded Rebel officers and privates were captured on that day on the road between Greencastle and Williamsport, and the great majority of them left in the Seminary. This prevented the Seminary from resuming its regular exercises for the remainder of the session. The wounded, however, were gradually removed and the Building cleansed and prepared for the next session, which was ordered to open on the 8th of September. With the exception of this interruption, the students have pursued their studies unmolested, though exposed to some distraction by the unsettled state of affairs in the country. It will be seen from the number of students connected with the Seminary, that the Institution has continued to flourish and prosper.

At the meeting in Chambersburg the following letter was received from Rev. Dr. Wolff, professor of Didactic and Pastoral Theology:

"To the Rev. John Rebaugh, President of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Church:

The object of this note is to give notice to the members of the Board, that, in accordance with a purpose entertained for some time, I intend to resign the office of Professor of Didactic and Practical Theology in the Seminary, at the ensuing meeting of Synod.

BERNARD C. WOLFF.

Mercersburg, June 14th, 1863.

In regard to the cause of Beneficiary Education which is placed under the care of this Board, we have nothing special to report, except that the Treasury is in great need of funds. This indeed has been the case for a number of years. The Treasurer has been compelled to meet the wants of the Treasury by loans, until the Board felt itself called upon to refuse to receive any more beneficiaries, until the Treasury is replenished. It is to be hoped that sufficient funds will flow into this treasury during the present Tercentenary year to enable the Church to carry forward the important work of aiding worthy young men in their preparation for the holy ministry.

According to the provision in the scheme for the regulation of the Theological Tutorship, adopted by Synod, it becomes the duty of the Board, in consultation with the Faculty of the Seminary, to present the name of one of the graduates of the Seminary for Travelling Tutor. In case the Synod shall deem it expedient, in view of the low state of the funds and present rate of exchange between this and foreign countries, still to go forward with the enterprise, they propose for this purpose the name of W. A. Gring.

In accordance with the information previously communicated the Rev. Dr. B. C. Wolff has transmitted to the Board, the resignation of his Professorship of Didactic and Practical Theology, which is accordingly herewith submitted to Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN REBAUGH, *President.*

T. G. APPLE, *Secretary.*

The following is the resignation referred to in the above report:

To the President and Members of the Synod of the German Reformed Church in Session at Carlisle, Pa.

BELOVED BRETHREN IN THE LORD:—The undersigned, in pursuance of a purpose entertained for some time, hereby resigns the office of Professor of Didactic and Practical Theology conferred upon him eleven years ago, by your venerable body: the resignation to take effect on the first day of April next ensuing.

In thus prospectively dissolving his official connexion with the Theological Seminary, it may not be amiss for the undersigned to say, that when he first accepted of your commission, it was with the determination to return it to your hands, as soon as his sense of duty to the Church would allow him to do so. He thinks it may be done with propriety now, and that there will be no difficulty in filling his place with one more competent than himself to discharge its duties.

In fulfilling this determination, he would not have it thought that his zeal for the Seminary has suffered any abatement. It is now forty three years since it first engaged his attention as a member of the Committee of Synod to draft the plan of its organization, and from that time to this, it has ever been an object dear to his heart, and with every movement made in the Church for its establishment and promotion, he has always been more or less closely identified. It is, therefore, not to be supposed that his interest and concern for its welfare will ever cease. Thus influenced and disposed, he regards the Tercentenary Celebration, in which the Church is still engaged, as of great importance in connexion with its future prosperity, and he indulges the hope that the benevolent zeal of our people in its favor is not yet exhausted; but will continue to be exhibited under the auspices and direction of Synod until all the Institutions of the Church are placed upon the broadest and firmest, and most efficient foundation.

Earnestly praying, beloved Brethren, that the Spirit of the Lord, the Master of assemblies, may be with you in your deliberations to guide you by his counsel, and to assist you by his grace, he subscribes himself with sentiments of affectionate regard your fellow servant in Christ.

BERNARD C. WOLFF.

Mercersburg, Oct., 21st, 1863.

Board of Education of the German Reformed Church, in account with S. R. FISHER, *Treasurer.*

1862.		CR.	
Oct.	20	By balance in Treasury,	$237,19
	29	By cash from Rev. H. Mosser,	6,00
		" " D. E. Klopp,	7,00
		" " T. P. Bucher,	15,00
		" " M. A. Smith,	5,00
Nov.	5	" " J. Beck,	17,00
		" " I. K. Loos,	10,00
	12	" " N. E Gilds,	11,00
		" " D. G. Klein,	25,00
	19	" " J. V. Eckert,	2,63
	26	" " J. Beck,	20,00
Dec.	8	" " T. G. Apple,	4,00
		" Widow's Mite, (Mrs. B.,)	5,00
		" Rev. T. H. Leinbach,	15,00
	10	" " D. G. Klein,	5,00
		West Susq. Classis, per J. A. M. Treas.,	41,00
		" Rev. I. K. Loos,	6,17
		" " L. K. Derr,	15,00
		" " J. Kehm,	25,00
		" " Dr. J. S. Kessler,	19,00
	17	" " J. Ziegler,	19,05
		" Jacob Rentz,	8,40
		Carried forward,	$518,44

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1862.			Amount brought forward,	$518,44
Dec.	17	By Cash from	1st Ger. Ref. Church, Chambersburg,	25,00
	22	"	Proceeds of Note discounted,	247,88
	24	"	Rev. J. O. Miller,	80,00
		"	" J. Kehm,	5,00
		"	" B. Bausman,	5,00
		"	" B. S. Schneck,	15,00
		"	Mrs. Lindsay, Pitt'b.,	3,00
	31	"	Race Street church, Phila,,	100,00
1863.				
Jan.	7	"	Rev. D. B. Albright,	8,60
	14	"	" D. Ziegler,	80,00
		"	" A. S. Leinbach, 1st Ch. Reading,	12,93
		"	" F. W. Kremer, 1st Ch. Lebanon,	84,93
	28	"	" J. V. Eckert,	4,69
Feb.	4	"	" J. W. Hoffmeier,	20,00
		"	Maryland Classis,	50,00
		"	Rev G. W. Aughinbaugh,	3,68
		"	J. H. Loux,	1,00
	11	"	Race Street Ch., Phila.	154,75
		"	Rev M. A. Smith,	5,00
	18	"	" H. Mosser,	14,91
		"	" J. Hassler,	6,00
March	40	"	Donation of W. E. Schwertz,	125,00
	4	"	Rev. J. W. Love,	6,00
	11	"	" L. K. Derr,	14,00
	18	"	1st Ger. Ref. Church, Chambersburg,	63,67
	25	"	Rev. T. Fouse,	5,00
		"	Adam Fouse,	5,00
April	1	"	Rev. J D. Zehring,	11,08
	8	"	" J Beck,	15,00
	22	"	West Susq. Classis,	119,00
	9	"	Loan from Rev. F. A. Rupley,	600,00
	29	"	Rev. F. W. Kremer,	25 20
May	6	"	" J. Rebaugh,	5,00
		"	" F. W. Kremer,	20,00
	13	"	" J. W. Santee,	20,00
		"	" J. O. Miller,	10,00
		"	" W. M. Deatrick,	2,48
	20	"	" I. K. Loos,	5,00
	27	"	" Dr. H. Harbaugh,	15,14
		"	" H. Wagner,	5,00
		"	" T. C. Leinbach,	7,26
		"	" T. Fouse,	15,00
		"	" W. E. Krebs,	20,00
		"	" S. H. Reid,	7,50
		"	" W. M. Deatrick,	10,00
		"	" J. W. Love,	13,11
		"	" H. Heckerman,	20,00
		"	" J. Hassler,	13,06
		"	" C. F. Hoffmeier,	4,50
		"	" W. M. Deatrick,	4,35
		"	" J. M. Titzel,	2,60
		"	" M. L. Shuford,	3,00
		"	" H. I. Comfort,	5,00
			Carried over,	$2,492,16

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1863.		Amount brought over,	$2,492,16
May	27	By Cash from Rev. W. F. Colliflower,	5,60
June	10	" " J. Rebaugh,	10,00
	17	" " A. L. Dechant,	8,00
July	15	" " H. Mosser,	8,00
Aug.	5	" " D. Gring,	20,00
		" " J. O. Miller,	10,00
		" West Susq. Classis,	124,25
		" Rev. J. Kehm,	25,00
	12	" " A. R. Kremer,	6,00
		" Proceeds of Note discounted,	393,73
	19	" Rev. F. W. Kremer,	4,46
		" " J. O. Miller,	20,00
		" 2nd Donation of W. E. Schwertz,	125,00
Sept.	9	" Rev I. K. Loos,	10,00
		" " J. E. Hiester,	20,20
	16	" Race Street Ch., Phila.,	50,00
	24	" Int. on Klopp Legacy,	40,00
	30	" Misses Hoyer,	50,00
		" Rev. W. M. Deatrick,	40,00
		" Interest from M. Kieffer & Co.,	38,33
		" Dividends Harrisburg Bank,	22,50
Oct.	14	" Rev W. A. Helfrich,	25,00
		" " G. Wolff,	27,22
		" Donation J. T. Riegel,	500,00
		" Rev. D. Bossler,	5,00
		" C Santee and Family,	275,00
		" Race Street Church, Phila.,	28,00
		" Christ's Church, "	29,00
		Total,	$4,407,45

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1863.			
Oct. 14	To amount paid Beneficiaries, as per vouchers,		$2,172,50
	" Principal on loans,		1,150,00
	" Interest on loans,		16,86
	" On account of Scholarship,		27,22
	" Funded,		500,00
	" Travelling expenses allowed,		5,00
	Balance in Treasury,		535,87
			$4,407,45

The undersigned, appointed to audit the foregoing account, reports that he has examined it by vouchers and finds it to be correct, showing a balance in the Treasury of $535,87.

JOHN REBAUGH.

Oct. 23rd, 1863.

II.) REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The following report was submitted by the committee on the Theological Seminary, to whom the foregoing reports were referred, and disposed of item by item:

The Committee on the Theological Seminary, beg leave to report as follows:

From the report of the President of the Board of Trustees of the The-

ological Seminary, the Committee learns, with gratitude to God, its prosperous condition in its Theological and financial operations. In the midst of the present civil commotions, that agitate our country, all its investments have yielded fair returns. The report states, that, at the retreat of the invading rebel army, numbers of their wounded were captured, a portion of them, amounting to about five hundred, were brought to Mercersburg; and the Theological Seminary building taken possession of for hospital purposes, by which the building was left in a miserably filthy condition, needing renovation and repairs. The Board of Trustees ordered the cleansing and repairing of the Seminary, and made it ready for the reception of the Professors and students. The Board has refrained, however, from making all the repairs necessary, from the fact of its close proximity to the theatre of war on our borders, being open to the invasion of military raids of the rebel army. The Board hesitates to do any thing further in this matter, unless specially instructed by Synod.

The Board also states, that application is made by Mrs. Hannah Renninger for an abatement of her deceased husband's subscription. The Board recommends the reduction of this claim from five hundred to four hundred dollars, provided the claim be paid in ninety days.

The Treasurer of the Board reports a considerable amount of the endowment funds as in his hands, from the fact, that no satisfactory investment could be found. A portion of this fund he invested in 5–20 Government coupon bonds; there is still remaining in his hands the sum of $2000.

The Board mentions with much pleasure, an additional donation from the Rev. Dr. Schaff, as a Tercentenary offering in aid of the Tutor's Fund of $250, a donation of $1000 from John Wiest of Philadelphia; $2000 from Robert Shaffer of Middletown, Md., and $500 from George Besore, of Waynesboro', Pa.

The Board states the fact, that several Classes are still in arrears on the $17000 fund.

The Board suggests to Synod the propriety of adopting some measures with the Board of Franklin and Marshall College, by which the obligations of the Seminary to said Board may be cancelled. It is thought by Synod's Board, that, in view of the large amount secured to the College by the Church through our Tercentenary Jubilee; and as an equal sum has already been paid in the form of interest upon that obligation, the College Board should feel ready and willing to cancel it.

The Board of Visitors report, that, "the Seminary has continued to flourish and prosper," notwithstanding the unsettled state of the country, as the number of students connected with the Seminary will show. Although the institution had to be temporally closed on the 16th of June, about a month sooner than the regular close of

the session, on account of the Rebel invasion under Gen. Lee, and the Seminary building was converted into a temporary hospital on the fifth of July, yet your committee is pleased to learn, that the building has been fitted up, and the present session commenced about one month previous to the regular time of opening.

Your committee learn with regret the fact, that several Classes, viz., Zions, East Susquehanna, and Lancaster have disregarded the rule of Synod endorsing the action of the Board of Visitors, which requires students from the Theological Seminary to present a regular dismission from the Board of Visitors, in order to their being admitted to examination with a view of Licensure, and would, therefore, recommend to these Classes to see to it in the future, that no such irregularities be indulged in, or be subject to the censure of Synod.

The Board also was notified by the Rev. B. C. Wolff, D. D., Prof. of Didactic and Practical Theology, of his intention, which he entertained for some time, of resigning his office in the Seminary, and in a letter containing his resignation we learn, that on his accepting the post, it was with the express determination, that as soon as his sense of duty to the Church would allow him, he would return it to the hands of Synod, and that time has now come in the Providence of God. In view of the facts stated by the Professor, the committee recommend that his resignation be accepted; yet, at the same time, they would bear testimony to the fact, that the Church has still the same confidence in the retiring Professor, as when first chosen to fill the chair, and would further cherish a grateful remembrance of his long and faithful labors in the Church, and of his untiring devotion to the Seminary, not only during his immediate connection with the institution as one of its professors, but for the last forty-three years, during which time his unremitted and disinterested labors were devoted to its welfare and prosperity.

The Board of Visitors has also under its control, the cause of Beneficiary Education, and from their report we learn, that the Treasury is in great need of funds, yet owing to the fact that this is the year of Jubilee, in which it is hoped that a fund will be created, and means also for present use will flow into the Treasury, we deem it inexpedient to adopt any resolution on this subject.

The Board recommends, in connection with the faculty, the name of Wm. A. Gring, a graduate of the Seminary, as "Travelling Tutor," provided that Synod shall deem it expedient, notwithstanding the present rate of foreign exchange, and the consequent extra draft upon the fund, to appoint a Travelling Tutor at this time.

The Committee submit the following resolutions for adoption, as embodying the action required by the several items brought to its attention, in the reports placed in its hands:

1.) *Resolved,* That the Board of Trustees of the Theological Semi-

nary be instructed to make only such repairs on the Seminary building as may be deemed indispensable.

2.) *Resolved*, That the recommendation of the Board of Trustees in the case of Mrs. Hannah Renninger, asking for a reduction of her husband's subscription, be adopted as the action of this Synod, viz., that it be reduced from $500 to $400 provided the claim be paid within ninety days.

3.) *Resolved*, That this Synod once more call the attention of delinquent Classes to the Synodical apportionments, voluntarily assumed by them seven years ago, and most earnestly enjoin upon them to adopt such measures, as will secure the prompt payment of their just dues.

4.) *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed by this Synod, whose duty it shall be to request the Board of Franklin and Marshall College to cancel the obligations of this Synod to that Board, in consideration of the interest already paid on the claim and the advantages derived to the College through our Tercentenary Jubilee.

5.) *Resolved*, That in view of the high rate of exchange, and the incomplete state of the Tutorship Fund of the Theological Seminary, the appointment of Travelling Tutor be deferred until the next meeting of Synod.

6.) *Resolved*, That Synod instruct the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary to urge upon all the delinquents on the Theological Tutorship Fund by circular letter addressed to them, to attend immediately to the payment of their dues to this fund, in order that the remaining claims upon the Treasury may be met.

7.) *Resolved*, That Synod instruct the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary to authorize its Treasurer to invest the balance of moneys in his hands, of the endowment fund, in a first mortgage on real estate; but if this cannot be done, that he have the privilege of investing it in 5–20 Government coupon bonds.

8.) *Resolved*, That we, in view of the vacancy occasioned in the Seminary by the resignation of Bernard C. Wolff, D. D., Prof. of Didactic and Practical Theology, Synod take measures to fill said vacancy.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB ZIEGLER, *Chairman.*

The several items in the above report were adopted, except the 4th and 5th resolutions. In lieu of the 4th resolution, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College be authorized to continue their Agent in the field, until the amount raised for the College reaches $33,000, provided the amount raised beyond the $30,000 authorized by the Synod at Chambersburg, be appropriated to the cancelling of its claim against the Theological Seminary.

The 5th resolution had been adopted. The vote on its adoption was subsequently reconsidered, when it was

Resolved, That a Travelling Tutor be appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Theological Tutorship scheme.

The Licentiate William A. Gring was accordingly appointed Travelling Tutor.

In accordance with the recommendation contained in the last resolution submitted by the Committee, it was ordered that an election be held for a Professor of Didactic and Practical Theology in the Theological Seminary, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Rev Dr. Wolff, on the afternoon of the sixth day of the sessions at 3 o'clock. Nominations were, at the same time, made for filling the vacancy.

At the hour appointed, the Synod proceeded to the election. Prior to entering upon it, however, the Synod engaged in prayer, in which they were led by the Rev. Dietrich Willers. The Rev. Jacob Hassler and William H. Groh, were appointed tellers, who received the ballots, counted them and reported the result. The Rev. Henry Harbaugh, D. D., having received a majority of all the votes, was declared duly elected. It was then

Resolved, That the election be made unanimous.

The officers of the Synod were appointed a committee to inform the Rev. Dr. Harbaugh of his election, and also authorized to make out a call to the professor elect. The Rev. John W. Nevin, D. D., Daniel Zacharies, D. D., Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., Thomas G. Apple, and Daniel Gans, were appointed a committee to install the Professor elect, in case he accepts.

In connection with the action of Synod adopting that part of the report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary, relating to several Classes, which have admitted applicants for licensure from the Theological Seminary, to an examination, without their presenting certificates of dismission from the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the attention of the several Classes be called to the third article of the Constitution, which limits the power of the Classes to license candidates for the ministry to only such applicants as have pursued their theological studies under their care, or as may be regularly connected with them at the time of concluding their studies.

III. ELECTION OF THE BOARDS CONNECTED WITH THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The following persons were chosen members of the Boards of Trustees and Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

Board of Trustees—William Heyser, George Besore, Henry

Ruby, Joshua Motter, David Zeller, George Cook, Charles Hartman, Daniel W. Gross, George Z. Kunkel, George P. Etchberger, Adam B. Wingerd, Barnard Wolff, Martin Rickenbaugh, James Cushwa, Stephen B. Kieffer, John W. Coon, and John McDowell, of the former Board were retained. In the place of the one, whose name is omitted, John Ermentrout, of Reading, Pa., was chosen.

Board of Visitors—Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Fisher, Daniel G. Bragonier, John Rebaugh, Amos H. Kremer, Charles F. McCauley, Dr. Henry Harbaugh, Jacob Hassler, Frederick A. Rupley, Thomas G. Apple, Joseph W. Santee, Benjamin Bausman and Isaac G. Brown, the members of the former Board were re-elected.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RELATING TO THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The following report was received from the committee to prosecute the suit against Ex-Sheriff Duncan of York county, Pa., and adopted, and the committee continued:

The committee on the suit against Ex-Sheriff Duncan, beg leave to report:

That they have not as yet been able to settle this long standing suit; but are pleased to announce, that steps have been taken by heirs of Ex-Sheriff Duncan, which will probably bring the case to a speedy termination, "*a consummation devoutly to be wished for.*"

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. MILLER, *Chairman.*

The Treasurer of the Theological Seminary reported, that, in compliance with the instructions of Synod, he had prepared circulars to those delinquent on interest due on Plainfield Bonds, but was prevented from issuing them by the Rebel invasion. He was instructed still to issue the circulars.

The Treasurer of the Theological Seminary further reported, that some of the Classes have failed to transmit their Theological Tutorship Bonds to him, according to the instructions of Synod. The instructions of the Synod were renewed to the Classes still delinquent.

The Stated Clerk reported, that, in compliance with the instructions of Synod, he had prepared blank Theological Tutorship bonds, and forwarded them to the several Classes.

The Committee on Overtures reported a letter from the Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff, Professor in the Theological Seminary, in which, for reasons assigned, he asks temporary leave of absence from the Theological Seminary. The letter was read,

and then referred to a committee, consisting of the Rev. Geo. W. Aughinbaugh, William M. Deatick, Israel S. Weiss, and Elder Daniel W. Green. This committee submitted their report. It was received, amended and then adopted. The report as adopted reads as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the letter of Dr. Schaff, asking leave of absence from the Seminary for two years, and requesting Synod to make immediate arrangements for the temporary occupancy of his place, respectfully submit the following report:

Your committee are somewhat at a loss to determine the action Synod ought to take in the case. The interests involved in it are of no ordinary character. The temporary withdrawal of Dr. Schaff from the chair which he has so ably and acceptably filled for a score of years, will, in the estimation of your committee, be more or less damaging to our School of the Prophets and the general interests of the Church. And yet we know not how Synod can refuse to grant the request. The educational interests of his family, a desire to visit once more his fatherland, the completion of certain literary works, and the hope that after an absence of two years, he would return to the Seminary with "fresh health and vigor," are prominent among the reasons urged by Dr. Schaff, in favor of his request.

In view of all the circumstances of the case, your committee recommend for adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the request of Dr. Schaff be granted, only, however, with the understanding that, at the expiration of the time specified—should his life be spared—he return to the chair which he temporarily vacates.

Resolved, That he (Dr. Schaff.) be and he is hereby requested to remain at Mercersburg until Trinity Sunday, unless arrangements necessary to the successful carrying on of the Seminary are completed prior to that time.

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees be instructed to allow Dr. Schaff, the use of so much of the house now occupied by him, or of the Seminary Building, as may be necessary for the accommodation of his library and furniture during his absence.

Resolved, That, in order to lay before the Church the reasons of Synod's action, and in simple justice to Dr. Schaff, his letter to Synod be entered in its Minutes.

Resolved, That the Board of Visitors be requested to secure, if possible, the services of the Rev. Dr. J. W. Nevin, during the absence of Dr. Schaff, and in case his services cannot be secured, to make the best possible arrangements to fill temporarily Dr. Schaff's place.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. AUGHINBAUGH, *Chairman.*

The following is the letter of the Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff referred to in the above report:

The Reverend Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN:—For reasons connected with my literary labors and with the educational and other interests of my family, I respectfully ask your Reverend body at your next annual meeting *to grant me leave of absence from active service in the Seminary for a term of two years.*

I expect to spend the greater part of this time in Europe in accordance with a long cherished desire, and with repeated invitations of my relatives and friends. I can do there as much service for our Church, I trust, as at home, and at the same time acquire fresh health and vigor for future labors in my adopted country.

I shall not depart till I have completed two works which now occupy all my liesure hours, viz., the second volume of my *General Church History*, from the beginning of the fourth to the close of the sixth century, and the first of a *Theological and Homiletical Commentary on the New Testament*, which will be published next spring. But it may be necessary for me to spend a part of the coming winter in New York to consult its large libraries and to facilitate the publication of these books.

I hope, therefore, that Synod will make at once the necessary arrangements for the temporary occupancy of my place in the Seminary. I beg leave to refer you to a similar provision made prospectively at your meeting at Lebanon in 1860, in view of the request of the German pastors of New York city and vicinity, concerning an important, but difficult philanthropic and Christian enterprise, which, owing to my own disinclination and the sudden outbreak of the civil war, was never carried into effect.

During the two years of my absence from active duty, I think it proper, in justice both to my feelings, and the financial condition of the Seminary, to forego the emoluments of my professorship. I would only request the use of a few rooms in my dwelling or in the Seminary building for the accommodation of my library and furniture.

I need not assure you, dear Brethren, that, in view of the uncertainty of all human plans and of life itself, even a temporary separation from the Seminary to which I have devoted twenty years of my youth and manhood, is painful to my feelings. You know how often I declined calls to other fields of labor: for three were brought to your notice for action, one by my own unwillingness to decide the question, the other two without my knowledge and consent. And how could I forget the repeated assurances of confidence and affection, which you have given me by your prompt and almost unanimous refusal to part with my services. It is only after earnest reflection and consultation with intimate friends in the Church, that I have arrived at the conclusion expressed in this petition. A longer delay might defeat a voyage to Europe altogether, and recent events

and present indications seem to justify my conviction, that this is the best time for making the desired change.

My interest in the Church and Seminary will, of course, suffer no decline by my temporary removal. The ties of friendship and brotherhood, which unite me with the ministry and laity of the German Reformed Church, are too strong and too sacred to be broken by time or space. I am flesh of your flesh, and bone of your bone. Whether in Europe or America, in whatever position Providence may place me, I shall consider it my duty and privilege to labor, to the best of my ability, for the welfare of our Reformed Church and the kingdom of our common Lord and Master, to whom "we belong with body and soul, in life and in death," now and forever.

With Christian regards and affection,

I remain your obedient servant and brother,

PHILIP SCHAFF

Theological Seminary, Mercersburg, Pa., Sep. 21st, 1863.

In accordance with the request of the Classis of Mercersburg, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, the Synod instructed the Treasurer of the Board of Beneficiary Education to have a full and complete list of all the beneficiaries from the origin of the present beneficiary system to the present time, made out, and to lay it before Synod at its meeting in 1864, with a view to appropriate measures being taken towards the repayment of funds from such as are under obligations to the Board and who have the means of doing so.

The Secretary of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, submitted the following propositions in behalf of the Board, to which they asked the sanction of Synod, which was granted:

1.) That Synod endorse the action of the Board, continuing the Tutor six months longer than the original term.

2.) That Synod authorize the Trustees to pay the Tutor Wm. M. Reily, one hundred dollars for his extra services.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

I.) REPORTS OF THE BOARDS OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The following report was received from the Board of Domestic Missions and referred to the Committee on Missions:

In presenting the Thirty Seventh annual report of the Home Missionary operations of our Synod, we feel called upon first of all to render thanks to the Great Head of the Church, that amidst all the

desolations and distractions of the civil war still raging in our afflicted country, we have been permitted to pursue our work, not only without serious hindrances, but with a good degree of success. The number of missions has been considerably increased, and the borders of our wide-spread field have been extended. Several of the older stations have been enabled to relieve the Board by a reduction of the annual appropriation to their support, and in most of them the interests of true piety seem to be prospering. And although the usual contributions to the cause have not equalled in amount those of preceding years, so that the Treasury has been largely in debt during most of the year, the pecuniary embarrassment of the Board has been recently relieved by two liberal Tercentenary offerings, and the previous deficiency may be accounted for by the general efforts of the Church in that form. With the present year, therefore, we trust that our trials in this respect will cease, and that such a spirit of Christian liberality, prompted by the love of the Redeemer, will have been awakened in the hearts of our members throughout the Church by the inspiring memories of the year, that there will be no future reason for complaint.

PRESENT NUMBER OF MISSIONS.

Thirty two missions are now under the care of our Board, which shows an increase of six over the number reported last year. New missions have been established in Philadelphia, Hamburg, Goldsboro', and Schuylkill Haven, Pa., at Glassboro', New Jersey, and Evansville, Indiana. Danville, transferred from East Susquehanna Classis, has been taken under the care of the Board. The Rev. P. A. Schwartz has been transferred from Boston to Greenfield, Massachusetts. The mission at Norfolk has been abandoned for the present, the Rev. E. Böhringer having returned from that field soon after the last meeting of Synod. Toledo, Ohio, and Bellefonte, Pa., have become self-supporting.

PENNSYLVANIA.

There are eight missions under the present care of the Board in this State.

New Holland, Lancaster county.—Rev. F. A. Gast, missionary. Founded Oct. 1st, 1860. This Brother reports that the past year of his labors has been one of mingled light and shade. The external opposition to the free and steady growth of the Church has been greater than ever before. A regular system of proselytism was organized, by which, under various pretences, efforts were made to draw away especially the young. In the congregation itself, also, he met with much to discourage. Several active and influential families removed from the bounds of the field, and some of those remaining are unwilling to cöoperate energetically for the upbuilding of the cause. A number of young men also have joined the army, and some have

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tience and zeal, although amidst many discouragements, and still cherishes the confident hope that his labors will not be in vain in the Lord. The progress made is unavoidably slow, but it is believed that prayerful perseverance, and proper sympathy and support afforded by the Church, will be crowned with ultimate success.

Philadelphia.—Rev. A. Romich, March, 1863. Representations made by this Brother, of destitution among the Germans in the northern districts of the city, led to his appointment as a local missionary, with an appropriation of $50. As yet we are unable to report any definite results. Language, German.

It may be proper to state, also, in this connection, that the Rev. E. Böhringer was commissioned during the past summer to visit Chesnut Hill, Germantown, Manayunk, and other suburbs of the city, with a view of ascertaining the spiritual wants of our German brethren at those points. But as they have not yet been carefully explored, we are unable to furnish the facts necessary to intelligent action. Language, German.

Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill County.—Rev. D. W. Wolff, April, 1862. During the past year, the congregation succeeded in procuring a church in which divine worship is now statedly enjoyed; and the good work has so far prospered, that the missionary regards the interest established, and no longer an experiment. In another year this mission will probably become self-sustaining. Appropriation, $100. English.

Of the other missions in this State we are not prepared to speak, as they have but recently come under our care, at the request of the Classes within whose bounds they lie.

NEW YORK.

Rochester.—Rev. T. Grosshüsch. Begun October, 1857. This is at present the only mission under our care in the State of New York. The Brother in charge of it continues to prosecute his work with diligence and fidelity, although, owing to peculiar local obstacles, it has not yet acquired sufficient strength to become self-supporting. Appropriation, $200. Collected for Home Missions, $28.43. German.

In addition to these labors of the missionary at Rochester, the Rev. J. P. Pfister, of Egg Harbor city, N. J., has been partially engaged during the year as a Harbor missionary, among emigrants arriving at the port of New York city. Did the means of the Board allow of it, it would be very desirable indeed to employ the services of some suitable minister of our Church entirely in this work. It is a matter well entitled to the earnest consideration of the Board and the Synod, and if provision can be made for it during the present sessions of Synod, there is good reason for expecting the most happy results.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Greenfield and Shelburne Falls.—Rev. P. A. Schwartz, April, 1862. The labors of this Brother have been cheeringly successful. In *Greenfield* a convenient Hall, rented for the purposes of public worship, is regularly filled on the Sabbath by a large and attentive congregation. In *Shelburne Falls*, the congregation enjoys the free use of the Basement of the Congregational Church. Here too the attendance is good. In both places the preaching of the Gospel is producing the happiest results. Even scoffers at religion are compelled to acknowledge its power, and to admire the excellence of its fruits. Appropriation, $200. This mission is sustained by the liberality of an individual member of the Board.

NEW JERSEY.

Elizabeth City and Rahway.—Rev. O. Lohr, June, 1859. Although this mission can report no special improvement upon the state of things within its limits last year, owing mainly to the unhappy effects upon it of the present condition of the country, Brother Lohr prosecutes his work with believing hope. The interest manifested in the services of religion continues, and there appears to be a growing attachment to the doctrines and customs of our Church. Adult members, 109; Increase, 9; Sabbath Schools, 2; Contributions to Home Missions, $16.35. Appropriation, $100. German.

Oxford Furnace.—This mission is vacant, and we have not learned in what condition it was left by the brother who previously labored in it.

Egg Harbor City.—Rev. J. P. Pfister, April, 1862. Efforts have been made during the past year, to procure means for erecting a suitable church on some lots of ground, donated by the Land Association of this city. We regret to say, that the amount as yet secured is wholly insufficient for the purpose. Ultimate success, and even the tenure of the ground donated, demand that measures be promptly adopted to furnish the infant congregation organized at this important point with a suitable house of worship. During the past year the appropriation to this mission has been reduced from $250 to $150. As stated under the New York missions, Brother Pfister devotes a portion of his time to the port of New York city.

New Brunswick.—Rev. A. Höhing, January, 1863. This new mission has been assumed with highly encouraging prospects. The congregation was organized in November, 1861, with seventy-three members, and but for the heavy unavoidable expenses necessary to procure and fit up a suitable place of worship, it might have been able to sustain itself. It was compelled, however, to seek some assistance, and the Board felt encouraged to assume the point as a mission with a small annual appropriation of $100. This aid will probably not be needed more than for two years. A church has been purchased for $3800, for which an annual rent of $200 had been paid, and the debt

thus incurred has been reduced to $2500. As soon as this incumbrance is removed, the congregation will relinquish the aid of the Board. During the year nine persons were confirmed. Members, 105; Communicants, 101; Unconfirmed Members, 93; Baptized, 60; Sabbath School, 1, with 78 Scholars. Appropriation, $100. German.

Glassboro'.—Rev. Jacob Dahlman, July 1, 1863. Appropriation, $150. This station became vacant early last summer by the irregular withdrawal from it of the former incumbent, the Rev. R. R. Schmidt. Its present prospects are cheering. The corner stone of a church edifice was laid two months ago, and when the house is completed, it is hoped the charge will become self-sustaining.

MARYLAND.

Hagers City.—Rev. Dr. Seibert. This mission was resumed during the past year by the Classis of Maryland, and has been transferred by it to our Board. Having as yet received no regular report concerning Mr. Seibert's labors there, we are unable to furnish any facts regarding its present state.

OHIO.

Sandusky City.—Rev. M. Miller, 1858. Since our last report, the Rev. J. B. Kniest, the late earnest and zealous missionary in this place, has removed to Buffalo, and has been succeeded in this mission by the Rev. M. Miller. It was hoped that no further aid from the Board would be needed, but circumstances seemed to demand the continuance of help at least during the present year. The mission is prospering, and will no doubt repay the Church for the care bestowed upon it.

Cincinnati.—Rev. S. Mease, April, 1856. The past year's operations of this mission have been signalized by the erection of the long needed house of worship. The building is so far completed, that it is expected to be ready for dedication early in November. In March last the basement of the house was occupied, and regular services have been held there since that time, and with increased interest. Brother Mease says in his last annual report: "The Lord has been truly with us. The more commodious and attractive arrangements of even the basement we have lately occupied, has secured much larger audiences, as well as increased the Sabbath School in numbers and efficiency. A small number of valuable accessions has been made to the congregation which has given us more cooperation and a better organization. In short, the internal condition of the congregation is greatly improved." At the same time the congregation has been embarrassed by the failure of subscriptions to the church-building. To enable it to proceed with the work, and thus secure the advantage of a favorable contract, money had to be borrowed, and the debt thus incurred must prove a serious incumbrance to so feeble an enterprise. If those who have given promises of help

would duly consider this, we think they would feel constrained at once to redeem their pledges. Communicants, 40; Unconfirmed Members, 42; Confirmed, 2; Baptized 4; Other additions, 4; Contribution to Home Missions, $20. Appropriation, $500. English.

Arnheim, Brown County.—Rev. C. Pluess, October, 1859. This field has been enlarged and strengthened by the organization of a congregation of forty members at Higginsport on the Ohio. The charge, however, continues too feeble to get along without aid, earnestly as Brother Pluess desires to relieve the Board of further appropriations. Members, 95; Confirmed, 7; Baptized, 36; Contributed to Home Missions, $9. Appropriation, $80. German.

INDIANA.

Evansville.—During the year the Board has made earnest efforts to secure the interests of our Church in this city. The Rev. Mr. Knie was appointed missionary there, but by some misunderstanding the congregation engaged the services of another Brother before Brother Knie's arrival. It is thought, however, that Brother Knie will find a field of labor in the immediate vicinity of Evansville.

KENTUCKY.

Louisville.—Rev. Max Stern, January, 1862. Appropriation, $250. This mission is among the most flourishing and successful of those under our care. During the past year the old and uninviting property of the congregation was sold, and a commodious, comfortable church bought in another location. Notwithstanding the distractions caused by the civil war, by which Louisville has been seriously disturbed, the good work begun again by Brother Stern has been progressing. Besides his labors in the city, this Brother has been indefatigable in his efforts to take in other points, and establish congregations in the country surrounding Louisville, so that before long we may be able to report the organization of several self-sustaining charges there. The mission in Louisville forcibly illustrates the wisdom of investing and liberally sustaining central points of population and social influence. The annual report of the mission is worthy of the special consideration of Synod, and should be read entire. Members, 106; Confirmed, 5; Otherwise added, 17; Baptized, 15; Contributed to Domestic Missions, $30.25.

WISCONSIN.

Sheboygan and St. Paul's.—Rev. J. T. Kluge, September, 1858. This mission reports continued progress during the past year. Various outward improvements in the church, have largely contributed to increased spiritual interest. The labors of Brother Kluge have been blessed, and through their success the Church is rewarded for the fostering care bestowed upon the mission. For the past year the appropriation has been reduced to $50. Communicants, 18[illegible]

Unconfirmed Members, 124; Confirmed, 27; Baptized, 29; Received otherwise, 13.

Sauk City.—Rev. H. A. Winter, April, 1861. The past year of this mission has been one of special mercies. A new church edifice has been completed, and is proving a means of adding greatly to the strength of the cause. A mission festival held during the year is spoken of as a season of extraordinary interest. The congregation organized and served by Brother Winter in the vicinity of Sauk city, is also in a prosperous state. It is refreshing to read the encouraging account given of the success which has crowned the labors of the year. Despondency has yielded to hope, and fear to faith. The charge consists of three congregations. Communicants, 126; Unconfirmed Members, 243; Confirmed, 3; Baptized, 29; Contributed to benevolent purposes, $20. Appropriation $150. German.

Watertown.—Rev. P. Jörris, October, 1861. From the annual report of this Brother, we quote the following encouraging statement: During the past year we have added largely to our numbers, and we are thus gradually gaining ground. The town congregation (Zoar) has purchased a Melodeon, towards which kind friends in Dresden liberally contributed, and also a comfortable parsonage. We hope to liquidate the debt resting on the church in Ixonia, during this Fall. The prospect of increase here is bright. Members, 80, an increase of 23 upon last year's report. Appropriation, $50. German.

ILLINOIS.

Freeport—Rev. C. Seaman, November, 1862. A large part of the past year has been devoted by Brother Seaman to the collection of funds for the erection of a church in this flourishing city. In his efforts for this purpose he has met with encouraging success, although the needed amount has not yet been secured. When this is accomplished the prospects warrant the hope of rapid growth. Appropriation, $100. German.

IOWA.

Independence.—Rev. J. Riale, January, 1859. This is the frontier mission of our Church in the West. It embraces three points, Independence, Brandon, and Boulder. At the last place a new church has been erected, which is to be dedicated on October, 25th. Far sundered from fellowship with Brethren of his own faith, and toiling single-handed amidst many difficulties, Brother Riale still prosecutes his work with untiring diligence and unwavering faith. What is most of all needed for that distant field is, laborers of the right spirit, and means to support them. If we were able to increase our force in Iowa, happy results might soon be secured in the gathering and organization of churches in places which are likely to be irretrievably lost to us. Appropriation, $200. English.

MICHIGAN.

Detroit.—Rev. C. Cast, November, 1860, "Through various outward hindrances and inward conflicts," reports Brother Cast, "is the good work in Detroit progressing towards its desired end. A year of special outpouring of divine grace has yielded most cheering fruits. An increase of fifty-five members, has largely added to the strength of the congregation, and spiritual improvements have made these accessions all the more effective. In liberality the congregation has shown great improvement, and the debt resting upon us has been very materially reduced." Communicants, 170; Confirmed, 13; Baptized, 70. Appropriation, $300. German.

In our endeavors to condense this report as much as possible, we have been compelled to omit many interesting and important facts. But brief and hasty as the review which we have taken has been, it must serve to convince the Church anew, that we are engaged in a most important work, a work entitled to far more interest and liberality than has as yet been bestowed upon it. One feature worthy of being particularly pointed out, is the returns which many missions are already making in the form of annual contributions to our cause.

ADDENDA.

The Classis of St. Paul report, in addition, five separate missions under their care.

1. *Clarkville Mission*, under the care of the Rev. L. J. Mayer, by whom two neat and substantial houses of worship have been erected, Sunday Schools established and the membership largely increased. Will soon become self-sustaining.

2. *The Mercer Mission*, under the care of Rev. Abner Dale, composed of two congregations, one in Blacktown; the other in London, Mercer couuty, Pa. Here also have Sunday Schools been established. They have built one new church, and have another in process of erection.

3. *Rochester, Beaver County Mission*, under the care of the Rev. C. Scheel, is but an infant requiring great care, on account of peculiar circumstances. By patient care and nurture, this mission will grow and be a success.

4. *Decker Run Mission, Crawford County, Pa.*—This mission was served in connection with the Meadville charge. It is a promising field, with an unusual amount of material. It has two newly erected churches, and a third will soon be erected. With a suitable man, this mission will be self-sustaiuing in less than two years.

5. *Allegheny City.*—This is the last, but by no means the least of our missions. It has but lately been called into existence, and is under the care of Rev. G. B. Russell. It is not necessay to give a full detail of all the circumstances which called this mission into existence. Suffice it to say, that a Hall has been procured, and regular services are held. The attendance has been encouraging.

and is steadily growing. The Lord has inclined many to attend to the things preached from the Gospel. A Sunday School was put in operation on Easter Sunday, which numbers fifty scholars.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. A. BOMBERGER, *President.*

MISSIONARIES, SALARIES, &c.

November 1863.

NAME.	PLACE.	BEGUN.	APPPRO.
Samuel Mease,	Cincinnati, O.,	Apr. 1856.	$500.
C. Cast,	Detroit, Mich.,	Nov. 1860.	300.
M. Stern,	Louisville, Ky.,	Feb. 1862.	250.
T. Grosshusch,	Rochester, N. Y.,	Oct. 1857.	200.
H. Eschmeier,	Toledo, O.,	May 1855.	100.
J. P. Pfister,	Egg Harbor, N. J.,	Apr. 1862.	250.
J. Riale,	Independence, Io.	Jan. 1859.	200.
O. Lohr,	Eliz. City, N. J.,	June 1859.	100.
P. A. Schwartz,	Greenfield, Mass.,	Apr. 1862.	200.
G. F. Jahnke,	Oxf'd Furnace, N.J.	Dec. 1860.	200.
G. Kurtzman,	Middletown, Pa.,	Apr. 1862.	50.
H. A. Winter,	Sauk City, Wis.,	Apr. 1861.	150.
P. Greding,	Beaver Dam, O.,	Feb. 1861.	50.
F. Strassner,	Wilkesbarre, Pa.,	Feb. 1859.	
D. W. Wolff,	Schuylkill Haven,	Apr. 1862.	100.
C. Pluess,	Arnheim, O.,	Oct. 1859.	80.
W. R. Yearick,	Doylestown, Pa.,	Dec. 1860.	250.
F. A. Gast,	New Holland, Pa.,	Oct. 1860.	100.
R. R. Schmidt,	Glassboro, N. J.,	Oct. 1862.	50.
J. T. Kluge,	Sheboygan, Wis.,	Sept. 1858.	50.
P. Jorris,	Watertown, Wisc.,	Oct. 1861.	50.
C. W. Seaman,	Freeport, Ill.,	Nov. 1862.	100.
A. Hoehing,	N. Brunswick, N J.,	Jan. 1863.	100.
A. Romich,	Philadelphia, Pa.,	Mar. 1863.	50.
M. Müller,	Sandusky, O.	Apr. 1863.	100.

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1863.		Amount brought forward,	$685,82
Dec. 22	Cash	per John Wiest, Tr., from Ger. Ref. cong., Race St. Philad., on the Systematic Benevolence plan,	100,00
23	"	Rev. Samuel G. Wagner, collected in Boehm's and Whitemarsh cong., to constitute a L. M.,	30,00
	"	per Rev. J. G. Neuber, from Emanuel's Ger. Ref.	
	"	Sunday School, Bridesburg, Pa.,	2,00
	"	Rev. C. Plüss, Arnheim, Ohio,	9,00
	"	" G. M. Albright, Herring, Allen county, Ohio,	2,00
	"	" H. Kortheuer, Terre Haute, Ind.,	5,00
	"	" F. A. Gast, New Holland, Pa.,	2,50
	"	" S. Mease, Cincinnati, Ohio,	15,00
	"	" F. Grosshuschy Rochester, N. Y.,	5,88
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Jan. 2	"	Borrowed on note of the Board, per Rev. N. Gehr,	60,00
7	"	per Rev. F. W. Kremer, from Rev. Thomas C. Leinbach, Womelsdorf, Pa.,	9,25
14	"	per J. L. Hoffmeier, Tr. of Lancaster Classis, from Ephrata charge, $21,88; Millersville, $11,29; Manchester, $1,50, and collected at Classis $11,72,	45,89
	"	per Rev. F. W. Kremer, from Infant Sunday School, Monthly concert, 1st church Lebanon, Pa.,	36,92
	"	per Rev. F. W. Kremer, from Rev. A. S. Leinbach, 1st church. Reading, Pa.,	30,00
	"	per Rev. F. W. Kremer, from Rev. J. E. Hiester, Annville, Pa.,	12,75
15	"	per Rev. J. G. Wiehle, from the Missionary Society of Salem's Ger. Ref. cong., Philad., to constitute Mr. John Henry Knebel a L. M.,	30,00
17	"	Rev. Joseph W. Santee, Cavetown, Md., collected in his charge to make Miss Sophia Hammaker a Life member,	40,00
	"	per Mr. Henry Wirt, Tr., from the Hanover charge Missionary Society,	50,00
17	"	Communion collection, at the Tercentenary Convention, Ger Ref. church, Race St., Phila.,	74,74
22	"	Rev. J. W. Hoffmeier, per Rev. H. Wissler, collected in Manchester, Md. charge,	20,00
	"	per Rev. F. W. Kremer, from Rev. Geo. Wolff, col. in Womelsdorf cong., $25; of which $20 is for the benefit of the Ger. Ref. Ch. at Schuylkill Haven,	25,00
	"	Master Henry Bear, $1,50; and Emanuel Bear, $1,50; Millersville, Pa.,	3,00
	"	per Rev. T. P. Bucher, from D. L., Gettysburg, Pa.,	10,00
	"	Rev. M. A. Smith, Hummelstown, Pa.,	10,00
	"	Ger. Ref. cong, Race St. Phila., on the Systematic Benevolence plan, per John Wiest, Tr., in full for 1862, $48,75; church collections, $5,63,	54,38
Feb. 3	"	per Rev. J. G. Neuber from the Youth's Sunday School Missionary Soc. of Bethlehem cong., Phila.	15,00
	"	per Rev. Jacob Dahlman, from Emanuel cong., West Phila.,	10,00
4	"	Rev. I. K. Loos, balance of fall communion collections in his charge,	1,92
7	"	Rev. Daniel Ziegler, York, Pa., collected in charge,	22,00
		Carried over,	$1,418,05

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Feb.	7	Cash from Rev. A. J. G. Dubs, Allentown, Pa., am't pledged to Mission church, Cin., Ohio, Rev. S Mease,	50,00
	10	" Rev. Max Stern, Louisville, Ky.,	11,05
	13	" per Rev. J. G. Wiehle, from the Sunday School Miss. Society of Salem's Ger. Ref. cong., Phila.,	15,00
	16	" per Rev. J. G. Wiehle, from the Miss. Society of Salem's Ger. Ref. church, Phila.,	15,00
	18	" per Jos. Weiss, Tr., from the Dom. Miss. and Ed. Society of the Ger. Ref. cong., Allentown, Pa., to constitute Sarah Newhard a L. M.,	30,00
		" per Rev. H. Mosser, from Loysville Miss. Society, Landisburg charge, $2,25, and part of Fall communion collection, $5,	7,25
	19	" Rev. J. B. Kniest, Sandusky, Ohio,	10,00
	24	" John Wiest and family, Race St. cong., Phila., Tercentenary offerings,	75,00
Mar.	2	" Dividend on 25 shares, York Bank, Mrs. Margaret Spangler's Legacy, per Rev. J. O. Miller,	25,00
	3	" Limerick church Miss. Soc., per Samuel Brant, Tr.,	7,00
	4	" Rev. O. Lohr, Elizabeth, N. J.	2,75
	5	" T. Grosshusch, Rochester, N. Y.	9,27
	7	" Rev. J. W. Love, part of Com. collection in Alexandria cong.,	6,25
	12	" per Rev. John Beck, from the Sabbath School of the Ger. Ref. cong., Easton, Pa.,	46,00
		Samuel Meyers, Boalsburg, Pa., a donation, for 1862 and 1863.	10,00
		" per Rev. L. K. Derr, from Miss. Soc., St. John's Ger. Ref. church, Tamaqua, for Cin., Ohio Mission,	14,00
	18	" Zions Ger. Ref. church, Chambersburg, Pa., per Wm. Heyser, Jr., part of contribution on Systematic Benevolence plan $63,68, and $30; from B. Wolff, to make Amelia H. Smith a Life member,	93,68
	31	" per John Rodenmayer, Sup't., of Md. Classis, from Rev. J. H. Wagner, Hagerstown charge, $67; W. E. Krebs, Emmitsburg charge balance, 20cts; W. F. Colliflower, Jefferson charge, $52,50; J. Küling, 4th Ref. church, Balt., $5; J. M. Titzel, Emmitsburg charge, $10,00.	134,70
Apr.	2	" Ger. Ref. cong., Egg Harbor city, N. J., per Dr. H. Schumacher, Tr., towards support of pastor,	25,00
	6	" Ger. Ref. cong, Egg Harbor city, N. J., per Dr. H. Schumacher, Tr.,	5,00
		" Gloucester Farm and Town Ass., Egg Harbor city, N. J., per Dr. H. Schumacher, Tr., in aid of Miss. cong,	100,00
		per Mr. J. A. Mertz, Tr., West Susq. Classis, from Rev. C. H. Leinbach, Lewisburg, balance to make Rev. J. Zeller a L. M., $9,56; Rev. W. H. Groh, Boalsburg, to make Elder D. Fleisher a L. M., $30; Rev. W. H. Groh, Boalsburg, to make Widow Dale a L. M. $30; Rev. H. Wiegard, Nippenose, $10; H. C. Heyser, Liverpool charge, $8,00,	87,56
	9	" per Rev J. B. Kniest, Buffalo, N. Y., from a member of his cong.,	2,00
		Carried forward,	$2,199,53

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1863.		Amount brought forward,	$2,199,56
Apr.	11	Cash from Anonymous in aid of Missions,	10,00
	13	" John Wiest and family, Ger. Ref. cong., Race St. Phila., Tercentenary offerings,	75,00
	15	" Rev. E. Erb, Collected at Danville, N. Y.,	1,25
	16	" per D. W. Gross, from the Ger. Ref. cong, Harrisburg, Pa,	70,00
	18	" per Samuel Buck, Tr., from the Jacob's cong., Berrysburg, Pa.,	5,00
	22	" J. T., Montgomery Station, Lycoming county, Pa.,	5,00
	25	" Sunday School Miss. Ger Ref. cong., Race St., to make Jacob Y. Dietz a L. M,	80,00
	28	" Rev. D. Y. Heisler, Bethlehem, Pa, communion collections, Bath, $4,90; Hecktown, $8,70; Bethlehem, $38,90,	52,50
	29	" per Rev. I. S. Demund, from St. Paul's Ger. Ref. cong., Lancaster, Pa.,	10,00
		" per Rev. F. W. Kremer, from Mrs. Mary A. Greenawalt, Treasurer of Female Ben. Soc., 1st Ger. Ref. cong, Lebanon, Pa.	25,20
		" Rev. J. V. Eckert, com. col. in Zion's church, New Providence,	3,36
May	13	" Rev. J. B. Kniest, Buffalo, N. Y. col. in his cong.,	5,10
	16	" Rev. R. R. Schmidt, Glassboro, N. J.,	2,55
	18	" Dividend on 25 shares, York Bank, Mrs Margaret	
		" Spangler's, per Rev. J. O. Miller,	25,00
		" per Rev. J. O. Miller, York, Pa., from Rev. D. Gring, Shrewsbury charge,	30,00
	20	" John Wiest and family, Ger. Ref. cong., Race St., Phil'a., Tercentenary offerings,	75,00
		" Rev. I. K. Loos, spring communion collection in Christ church, Upper Mt. Bethel,	15,00
	21	" per Rev. John Beck, Easton, Pa., Treasurer of E. Pennsylvania Classis, from Rev. G. B. Dechant, Hamilton charge,	19,00
	23	" per John Rodenmayer, Sup't Maryland Classis, from Rev. F. A. Rupley, Middletown charge $25; Rev. J. Sechler, Silver Run cong., $20, Rev. J. M. Titzel, Emmittsburg charge, $5,20; Rev. M. L. Shuford, Mt. Moriah, $3.50; Rev. H. I. Comfort, Mechanicstown, $5; Rev. W. F. Colliflower, Jefferson, $7,50; Rev. M. A. Stewart, Burketsville, $10; Rev. J. W. Hoffmeier, Manchester charge, $10,00	86,20
	26	" Rev. O. Lohr, Elizabeth, N. J,	3.50
	27	" per Rev. F W. Kremer, from Rev. Dr. Harbaugh, from Systematic Contribution Society, St. John's cong., Lebanon, Pa., $15,13; from Rev. George Wolff, bal. of conribution of Womelsdorf cong., $11,12; Rev. H. Wagner, Zion's cong., $6.07, and bal. of Orwigsburg cong., $1.41; Rev. J. Gring, $12,65; Rev. J. Kline, $8; Rev. T. C. Leinbach, $17,25	71,63
		" Rev. W. E. Krebs, Waynesboro' charge,	20,00
		" Rev. W. M. Deatrick, Friend's Cove cong., on the Systematic Benev. plan,	10,00
		Carried over,	$2,849,85

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		Amount brought over,	$2,849,85
May	9	Cash from Rev. T. Fouse, Woodcock Valley charge,	10,00
		" Rev. J. Hassler, Martinsburg cong., col. at the meeting of Classis.	17,60
	28	" per Rev J. G. Neuber, from Emanuel Ger. Ref. S. S., Bridesburg, Pa.,	2,80
	28	" per Rev. J. G. Wiehle, from the S. S. Missionary Soc. of Salem's Ger. Ref. cong., Phil'a.,	15,00
		Rev. Albert Shenkle, col. in the Trappe charge, $10 of which is to be paid to Rev. Abraham Romich,	40,00
June	2	" Rev. Max Stern, Louisville, Ky.,	5,00
	3	" Rev. S. H. Reid, Huntingdon charge,	2.92
		" per Rev. F. W. Kremer, from the First Ger. Ref. church, Reading, Pa.,	30,00
	6	" per Rev. A. H. Kremer, Lancaster, Pa., from I. E. Graeff, Millersville charge $12; and from the S. School of the First Ger. Ref. cong., Lancaster, $18,	30,00
	10	" Rev. U. H. Heilman, col. in the Emanuel cong., Hamburg, Pa.,	3,00
		" John Wiest and family, Ger. Ref. cong., Race st., Phil'a., Tercentenary offerings,	75,00
		" per Rev. J. Rebaugh, from St. Paul's church, Md.	10,00
		" per Wm. H. Frymire, Treasurer East Susquehanna Classis, from Rev I. Shellhamer, Union charge, $10,75; Rev. E. Kieffer, $7,25; col. at Uniontown cong., $30; Rev. H. S. Bassler, to make Mrs. A. E. McClure a L. M., $30; Rev. H. S. Bassler, Berrysburg charge, $10; Rev. Henry Hoffman, Berwick, Pa., $12,	110,00
		" per Rev A. H. Kremer, from a lady memb. of the church,	5,00
	12	" Rev. F. A. Gast, New Holland, Pa.,	2,50
	29	" Rev. T. Grosshusch, Rochester, N. Y.,	4,34
	24	" Rev. J. W. Love, Alexandria, Pa.. com. col.,	8.50
	27	" Rev. A H. Kremer, Treasurer of Lancaster Classis, col. at Classis $8,59, and bal. from former Treasurer $3,61,	12,20
July	1	" Gloucester Farm and Town Ass., Egg Harbor City, N. J., aid of Ger. Ref. Miss. cong,,	100,00
	15	" Rev. I. K. Loos, Richmond, Pa., additional com. col. in his charge,	15,05
		" Rev. H. Mosser, Landisburg charge,	4,00
	27	" per J. A. Mertz, Treasurer of West Susq. Classis, from Rev. S. Kuhn, Aaronsburg charge, $6,08; Rev. J. K. Millet, Nittany, $15; Rev. F. J. Mohr, Williamsport, $12; Rev. I. S. Weisz, Mifflinburg, $25; Rev. D. G. Klein, Bellefonte, $5; Rev. A. R. Hottenstein, Selinsgrove, $6,26; Rev. H. Wiegand, Nippenose, $10,	79,34
Aug.	3	" Rev. D. F. Brendle, Bethlehem, Pa., in aid of Miss. enterprise by Rev. A. Romich,	5,00
	5	" Rev. C.H. Theberath, Patterson, N. J.,	75
		" per Rev. N. Gehr, from Rev. J. F. Busche, Ger. Ref. cong. N. Y., Tercen. offerings,	50,00
		Carried forward,	$3,487,85

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1163.		Amount brought forward,	$3,487,85
Aug. 12	Cash	from Rev. J. Külling, Baltimore, col. in his cong.,	18,00
	"	per Rev. F. W. Kremer from J. Heilman, Treas. of Hill church, Lebanon county, Pa.,	25,00
	"	Rev. J. Kehm, York, Pa.,	18,00
	"	Rev. D. F. Brendle, Bethlehem, Pa., in aid of Miss. enterprise, by Rev. A. Romich,	5,00
	"	Rev. I. K. Loos, Richmond, Pa., in aid of Mission enterprise, by Rev. A. Romich,	5,00
28	"	Rev. J. Rebaugh, col. in St. Paul's church,	10,00
Sep. 3	"	Rev. Samuel Hess, Hellertown, Pa., col. in his charge, of which $30,00 is to be paid to Mission church, Cincinnati, O., Rev. S. Mease,	40,45
	"	Rev. J. S. Dubs, North White Hall, Pa., col. in his charge as follows: Union cong. $30,22; Egypt, $13,84; Jordan, $8.37; Morgenland, $6,08; Cedar Creek, $3,14, and a friend 35 cents,	62,00
	"	Rev. D. Y. Heisler, Bethlehem, Pa., part of Harvest col. in his charge,	24,28
	"	from a membe. of the Ger. Ref. cong. Chambersburg, Tercentenary offering,	10,00
7	"	John Wiest and family, Ger. Ref. cong. Race st., Phil'a., Tercentenary offerings,	75,00
	"	J. B. Kniest, Buffalo, N. Y, Tercentenary offerings Evang. Ref. Zion's cong.,	39,00
	"	Limerick Church Miss. Soc., Montgomery co., Pa., per Samuel Brant, Treasurer,	5,00
8	"	Rev. A. L. Dechant, Frederick, Pa., col. in Zion's cong., Bucks co., in aid of A. Romich's Philadel'a Miss. enterprise,	8,00
9	"	Rev. I. K. Loos, part of Harvest col.,	6,18
	"	per Rev. F. W. Kremer, from Rev. J. E. Hiester, Harvest col., Campbellstown, $5.43; a friend, $5; Bindnagel's, $3,84; Annville, $7,86, Palmyra, $3,07	25,20
	"	per Rev. F. W. Kremer, from Rev. H. Wagner, Harvest col., Tercentenary offerings for English Miss. church, Cin., $7.50; from Rev. Jb. Klein, $15,	22,50
11	"	Rev. J. H. Dubs, Pottstown, Pa., col. in his charge as follows: Pottstown—English $25, Ger. $11,50; Amity, $9; Limerick, $9,50	55,00
12	"	Rev. Wm. Sorber, col. in Brownback charge,	10,00
16	"	per Rev. F. W Kremer, from Rev. H. Harbaugh, D. D., col. in Johnstown cong.,	5,57
23	"	Rev. D. Rothrock, col. in his charge, as follows, Durham, $5,45, Nockamixon, $4,50; William's, 3.30; Tinicum, $2,87, and Red Hill, $2,48	18,60
	"	D. Graeff, Kutztown, Pa.,	10,00
	"	W. Welshans, Sr.,	1,00
28	"	Rev. D. Bossler, York, Pa., col. in his charge,	6,00
29	"	John Wiest and family, Ger. Ref. cong., Race st., Phil'a., Tercentenary offerings,	75,00
30	"	Misses S. & E. Hoyer, Harrisburg, Pa., Tercentenary offerings,	50,00
		Carried over,	$4,112,63

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1868.		Amount brought over,	$4,112,63
Sep.	30	Cash from Rev. A. J. G Dubs, part of Har. col. in ch'ge, whole am't $78.21, as follows: Milford, $23,52; Trexlertown, $8,27; Salsbury, $22,07; Friedensville, $15,44, and Millerstown, $8,91;—the bal. $31,00 being paid over to the Treasurer of East Penn'a Classis,	47,21
Oct.	3	" John Wiest and family, Ger. Ref. cong., Race st., Phil'a., Tercentenary offerings,	150,00
	5	" Per Rev. J. G. Neuber, from Emanuel's Ger. Ref. Miss. cong., Bridesburg, Phil'a, Tercen. offerings, $7,83, and from the S. School, $4,40	12,23
		" Chas. Santee and family, Ger. Ref. cong., Race st. Phil'a., Tercentenary offerings,	500,00
		" per John Wiest, Treas. Tercentenary offerings, Ger. Ref. cong., Race st., Phil'a., as follows: G. F. Laubach, $2,50; Henry Andre, 25 cts; Mrs. W. Lawerswyler, $1; H Snyder and family, $5; G. Maurer and family, $1; J. M. Hager and fam., $1; John Van Haagen, $1; Miss C. Grub, $1,	12,75
	6	" Rev. A. Höhing, New Brunswick, N. J., col. in his charge,	5,00
		" Rev. Max Stern, Louisville, Ky.,	14,20
		" Rev O. Lohr, Elizabeth, N. J.,	3,25
		" Rev. W. R. Yearick, Line Lexington, Pa.,	20,50
		" Rev. F. A. Gast, New Holland, Pa.,	4,03
		" Rev. M. Müller, Sandusky, O.,	9,00
		" Rev. T. Grosshusch, Rochester, N. Y.,	9,00
	7	" V. C. Sweatman and family, Ger. Ref. cong., Race st., Phil'a, Tercen. offerings,	5,00
	8	" Geo. Dodd and family, Ger. Ref. cong., Race st., Phil'a., Tercen. offerings,	10,00
		" Misses Maria J. and Louisa Craig, Ger. Ref. cong. Race st, Phil'a., Tercen. offerings,	10,00
	6	" George Doll and family, Ger. Ref. cong., Race st,, Phil'a., Tercen, offerings,	10,00
		" Miss Margaret Muledore, Ger. Ref. cong., Race st. Phil'a., Tercen. offerings,	2,00
	10	" Chas. Wannemacher and family, Ger. Ref. cong., Race st., Phil'a., Tercen. offerings,	26,00
	12	" Ger. Ref. cong., Race st., Phil'a., Tercen. offerings, as follows: Elias Yunger $1, S. M. Koons, 50 cts.; J. H. Anders 50 cts.; Miss E. D. Foster, 50 cts., Miss S. Scotland 50 cts., and Mr. J. Devlin, 50 cts.,	8,50
		" per Rev. J. G. Neuber, from Bethlehem's Ger. Ref. cong., Phil'a., Tercen. offerings, $15; S. School of the cong., $27,94, and from the Mission S. S, $5,80,	48,74
		" Rev. Samuel Hess, Hellertown, Pa., col. in Springfield cong., Tercen. offerings,	15,00
	14	" Ger. Ref. cong., Race st., Phil'a, per John Wiest, Treasurer, Tercen. offerings, Mrs. Fryer, 25 cts.; Wm. Howell, $15; J. A. Bechtel, 50 cts.; Miss E. Fegenbush, $1; Enos Bean, $1; John C. Wanner, $15; Mrs. M. Gundrum and family, $2;	34,75
		Carried forward,	$5,064,79

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1863.			Amount brought forward,	$5,064,79
Oct.	14	Cash from Ger. Ref. cong., Race st., Phil'a., per John Wiest, Treasurer, Tercentenary offerings, E. Seidensticker, 50 cts.; Mrs. A. T. Uumberger and family, $1; Mrs. P. Leidy, $1; W. P. Buck, $1; Miss C. Arnold, $1; Miss Sarah Trayer, $1,50; Mrs. E. Turner and family, $10;		16,00
		"	Rev. W. M. Deatrick, part of Tercen. free-will offerings of Friend's Cove charge,	40,00
	17	"	Rev. J. D. Zehring, Bernville, Pa.,	21,00
	19	"	Ger. Ref. cong., Race st., Phil'a., Tercen. offerings, from Miss Eleonora Caull, $1; Mrs. H. D. Dietrich, $1; Miss Lizzie Emerick, $1;	3,00
	20	"	per Rev. N. Gehr, from Rev. W. G. Hackman, Wentz's charge—Tercen. offerings for Mission ch. Cin., O., Rev. Samuel Mease,	25,00
		"	Ger. Ref. cong., Race st. Phil'a., Tercen. offerings: from Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Kaub, $50; Miss Adela Stine, $2; Miss P. Schuman, 50 cts.; H. Musselman and family, $3; Mrs. D. Schneck, $1; H. T. Miller and family, $4;	60,50
				$5,230,29

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1862.				
Oct.	17	To balance due the Treasurer,		$100,99
	27	To Cash paid Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., six month's Interest on his Note to Aug. 1st. 1862.		8,00
Nov.	12	"	Rev. J. P. Pfister, Egg Harbor, N. J., 1 quarter salary due, Oct. 1st.	62,50
	13	"	Illman and Brother's, for printing 100 copies L. M. Certificates,	12,00
	17	"	Rev. E. Boehringer on act. of salary,	50,00
	24	"	Rev. E. Boehringer, per Mr. J. Rodenmayer, Sup't. of Md. Classis,	135,00
Dec.	25	"	Rev. W. R. Yearick, Line Lexington,	62,50
		"	" J. L. Kluge, Sheboygan, Wis.,	25,90
		"	" W. Renter, Kenton Ohio,	25,00
		"	" Geo. F. Janhke, Oxford Furnace, N. J.,	75,00
		"	" H. Eschmeier, Toledo, Ohio.	25,00
		"	" F. Strassner, Wilkesbarre, Pa.,	50,00
		"	" O. Lohr, Elizabeth, N. J.,	25,00
		"	" S. Gutelius, Freeburg, Pa.,	13,12
		"	" P. A. Schwartz, Greenfield, Mass.,	50,00
		"	" J. B. Kniest, Sandusky, Ohio,	37,50
		"	" C. Cast, Detroit, Mich.,	75,00
	22	"	" E. Boehringer on act. of salary,	55,00
	29	"	" C. Plüss, Arnheim, Ohio,	20,00
		"	" G. M. Albright, Herring, Ohio,	25,00
		"	" H. Kortheuer, Terre Hante, Ind.,	30,00
		"	" H. A. Winter, Sauk city, Wis.,	37,50
		"	" P. Jörris, Watertown, Wis.,	25,00
		"	" F. A. Gast, New Holland, Pa.,	25,00
			Carried over,	$1,049,11

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1862.			Amount brought over,	$1,049,11
Dec.	29	To Cash	paid Rev S. Mease, Cincinnati Ohio,	75,00
		"	" J. Riale, Independence, Iowa,	100,00
		"	" F. Grosshusch, Rochester, N Y.,	100,00
1863.				
Jan.	22	"	" David Wolf, in aid of Schuylkill Haven congregation, from Rev. Geo. Wolf, Womelsdorf,	20,00
	24	"	" J. F. Busche, New York, in full for salary ending Sep. 30, 1862,	65,66
Feb.	8	"	" J. P. Pfister, Egg Harbor, N. J.	62,50
	7	"	" Samuel Mease, Cinn., Ohio, am't. pledged by Rev. A. J. G. Dubbs, Allentown, Pa.,	50,00
		"	" Samuel Mease, Cin., Ohio.	125,00
		"	" W. R. Yearick, Line Lexington, Pa.,	75,00
		"	" Max Stern, Louisville, Ky ,	62,50
		"	" J. B. Kniest, Sandusky, Ohio,	75,00
Mar.	7	"	" C. W. Seaman, Freeport, Ill.	25,00
		"	" C. Cast, Detroit, Mich.,	75,00
		"	" O. Lohr, Elizabeth, N. J.,	25,00
		"	" J. T. Kluge, Sheboygan, Wis.,	25,00
	5	"	" F. A. Gast, New Holland, Pa.,	25,00
		"	" R R. Schmidt, Glassboro', N. J.,	12,50
		"	" P. Jörris, Watertown, Wis.,	12,50
		"	" F. Grosshüsch, Rochester, N. Y.,	50,00
		"	" H Eschmeier, Toledo, Ohio,	67,50
	10	"	" R. R. Schmidt, Glassboro, N. J.,	12,50
		"	" P. A. Schwartz, Greenfield, Mass.,	50,00
		"	" J. Riale, Central city Iowa, contribution from Rev. J. D. Zehring, Bernville, Pa.,	11,00
	13	"	" E. Boehringer on account,	50,00
	19	"	" Geo. Kurtzman, Middletown, Pa.,	25,00
	28	"	" Max Stern, Louisville, Ky.,	62,50
		"	" H. A. Winter, Sauk city, Wis ,	37,50
	31	"	" Geo. Seibert, Hagerstown, Md , per Mr. J. Rodenmayer, Supt, of Maryland Classis,	20,00
			" Geo. Seibert, Hagerstown, Md., per. Mr. J. Rodenmayer, Supt. of Maryland Classis,	30,00
April	2	"	" J. P. Pfister, Egg Harbor city, N. J., per Dr. H. Schumacher, Tr., of the congregation,	25,00
	7	"	" J. P. Pfister, Egg Harbor city, N. J., amount contributed by the Glas. Farm and Town Association,	100,00
		"	" H. C. Heyser, Liverpool. Pa., per Mr. J. A. Mertz, Tr , West Susq. Classis,	50,00
	17	"	" E. Boehringer, on act. of salary,	75,00
May	16	"	" C. W. Seaman. Freeport Ill.,	25,00
	11	"	" J. P. Pfister Egg Harbor city, N. J.,	62,50
			Carried forward,	$2,813,27

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1163.				Amount brought forward,	$2,818,27
May	12	To Cash paid		Rev. A. Romich, Philad'a Mission enterprise, East Kensington, Philad'a., from Female Benevolent Society, Lebanon, Pa.,	5,00
	20	"	"	C. Cast, Detroit, Mich.,	75,00
	25	"	"	E. Boehringer, in full,	75,00
		"	"	" Expense to New	
		"		Brunswick, N. J.,	5,25
	26	"	"	O. Lohr, Elizabeth, N. J.,	25,00
	28	"	"	Abraham Romich, special appropriation from the Trappe charge	10,00
	29	"	"	W. A. Good, Reading, Pa., special appropriation by the Classis of Lebanon,	50,00
June	1	"	"	Geo. Kurtzman, Middletown, Pa.,	25,00
	2	"	"	Max Stern, Louisville Ky., salary to April 1st and Travelling Expense to Evansville,	72,50
		"	"	Peter Greding, Beaver Dam, Ohio in full,	25,00
	12	"	"	P. Jörris, Watertown, Wis.,	12,50
		"	"	J. T. Kluge, Sheboygan, Wis.,	12,50
		"	"	H. A. Winter, Sauk city Wis.,	87,50
		"	"	H. Eschmeier, Toledo, Ohio,	25,00
		"	"	F. A. Gast, New Holland, Pa.,	25,00
		"	"	H. Kortheuer, Terre Haute, Ind.,	15,00
		"	"	A. Höhing, New Brunswick, N. J.,	25,00
		"	"	C. Plüss, Arnheim, Ohio,	40,00
	18	"	"	Abraham Romich, Phila'd.,	12,50
	20	"	"	W. R. Yearick, Line Lexington, Pa.	50,00
		"	"	D. W. Wolff, Schuylkill Haven,	100,00
		"	"	S. Mease, Cincinnati, Ohio,	140,00
		"	"	S. Mease, Cincinnati, Ohio, in aid of Mission church from Rev. L. K. Derr,	14,00
		"	"	T. Grosshüsch, Rochester, N. Y.,	50,06
		"	"	J. Riale, Independence, Iowa,	100,00
	22	"	"	E. Boehringer, Phila'd. balance due him by the Classis of Md.,	87,50
July	1	"	"	J. P. Pfister, Egg Harbor city, N. J., amount contributed by Glas. Farm and Town Association,	100,00
	27	"	"	H. C. Heyser, Liverpool, Pa., per J. A. Mertz, Tr. of West Susq. Classis,	50,00
Aug.	15	"	"	J. P. Pfister. Egg Harbor city, N. J.	62,50
	28	"	"	Abraham Romich, towards his support from Rev. D. F. Brendle,	10,00
		"	"	Abraham Romich, towards his support from Rev I. K. Loos,	5,00
Sept.	3	"	"	Mission church, Cin., Ohio, Rev. S. Mease, from Rev. S. Hess, Hellertown, Pa.	50,00
				Carried over,	$4,125,08

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1863.			Amount brought over,	
Sept.	8	To Cash paid	Rev. Abraham Romich, towards his support, from Rev. A. L. Dechant,	8,00
	12	" "	Samuel Mease, Cin., Ohio, from Rev. H Wagner, for Eng. Miss. Church,	7,50
	16	" "	Geo. Seibert, Hagerstown, Md., on act. of salary,	25,00
Oct.	3	" "	U. H. Heilman, Hamburg, Pa.,	25,00
		" "	Geo. Kurtzman, Middletown, Pa.,	25,00
	6	" "	A. Höhing, New Brunswick, N. J.,	25,00
		" "	C. W. Seaman, Cedarville, Ill.,	25,00
		" "	C. Cast, Detroit, Mich.,	75,00
		" "	S. Mease, Cin., Ohio,	125,00
		" "	Max Stern, Louisville, Ky.,	62,50
		" "	P. Jörris, Watertown, Wis.,	12,50
		" "	C. Plüss, Arnheim, Ohio,	20,00
		" "	J. T. Kluge, Sheboygan, Wis.,	12,50
		" "	O. Lohr, Elizabeth, N. J.,	25,00
		" "	H. A. Winter, Sauk city, Wis.,	37,50
		" "	J. W. Steinmetz, Danville, Pa.,	75,00
		" "	W. R. Yearick, Line Lexington, Pa ,	75,00
		" "	F. A. Gast, New Holland, Pa.,	25,00
		" "	P. A. Schwartz, Greenfield, Mass.,	100,00
		" "	M. Müller, Sandusky, Ohio,	25,00
		" "	T. Grosshusch, Rochester, N. Y.,	50,00
	20	" "	S. Mease, Cin. Ohio, from Rev. W. G. Hackman, Wentz's charge.	25,00
		" "	J. P. Pfister, Egg Harbor city, N. J.	12,50
		" "	C. Cast, Detroit, Mich., ommitted salary from Aug. 1st, to Nov. 1862.	75,00
		" "	J. Riale, Independence, Iowa, from Rev. J. D. Zerhing, Bernville, Berks Co., Pa.	21,00
			Balance in Treasury,	101,21
				$5,230,29

CARLISLE, Oct. 26th, 1863.

The undersigned committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's account respectfully report, that they have attended to the duty imposed upon them, comparing it with the vouchers, and that they find it correct, leaving a balance of $101,21, in the Treasury.

J. O. MILLER, }
D. W. GROSS, } Committee.

The following report was received from the Board of Foreign missions, and referred to the Committee on Missions:

REV. FATHERS AND BRETHREN :—The Board of Foreign Missions have just received from our Missionary in Syria, the Rev. Dr. B. Schneider, a very terse and interesting report of his labors and of the progress of the cause of Missions in Aintab and its immediate vicinity. The facts as communicated, are of an important as well as encouraging character.

Among the various Missions in Foreign lands, none seems so sig-

nally prosperous. Every faithful effort has been crowned with abundant and cheering success. Native Pastors are increasing in numbers. Zeal and energy characterize their efforts, and upon them rest the blessing of God. Notwithstanding the local difficulties to be overcome, which have been of no ordinary kind, the good work has steadily and healthfully progressed. But this is all clearly and beautifully set forth in Dr. Schneider's letter, which the Board herewith presents, as the main part of its report:

AINTAB, SYRIA, August 27, 1863.

Rev. E. Heiner, D. D., Baltimore, President of the Board Foreign Missions of the German Reformed Church.

DEAR BROTHER:—In presenting to you a brief review of our work during the past year, I may commence by saying, that I am now the only male Missionary here. The settlement of a second native Pastor, and the pressing demand for labor in other parts of our Mission, have led to this result.

Whilst there has been harmony and external prosperity, we have had serious cases of discipline; and just at this juncture, our hearts are filled with sadness by the fall of one of the church members. There have been more additions to the church, and some others will soon be received; but the number is not as large as it was last year. The whole number of members, at present, is 344, and from the beginning there have been 404. While in many zeal is not wanting, I cannot say the efforts for the spread of the truth are as earnest as in former years. The Sabbath audience has been much the same as at the time of my last report.

You have been informed of the settlement of a second native pastor. The measure has been attended by the happiest results. The two pastors, originially friends and warmly attached to each other, have labored together very harmoniously. Whatever anxiety may have been felt by any, has been happily scattered. The spiritual wants of our large church and community are now much better cared for, than otherwise could have been the case. Much of the pastors' time is spent in visiting from house to house; and the people appreciate these labors. We feel specially thankful for this arrangement. It is an indication of progress in our work. As soon as the second church is built, the division into two churches and congregations will be made.

The matter of self-support has made good progress. We foresaw that it would require a special effort; and so it has proved. But there are two causes that have very much added to the natural difficulties of the subject; viz., the appearance of locusts, destroying the crops, and the disordered state of Turkish finances. The Authorities required the male population to go and to destroy the locusts; and in this way, at least, one month of time was lost, in which business was suspended and very seriously injured. Where

men depend so much on their daily income for subsistence, as they do here, the consequence is very deleterious. What the raid of Lee's army into Pennsylvania was to its inhabitants financially, the great army of locusts, filling the skies with their hordes, were to these people. The deranged state of Turkish currency has increased expenses 40 per cent, so that one hundred and forty dollars or cents, purchases no more now than one hundred would formerly, while the reward of labor is substantially what it was before. However strange this state of things may seem, it is nevertheless an established fact. What the American war, at its beginning, was to business and industry in general, this depreciation of Turkish currency is to the people of this region. But notwithstanding these difficulties, their own schools are supported by themselves, and the pastors' salaries are being paid, though with some tardiness. We have, according to agreement, aided them slightly; but this help is to be continued only till the building of the new church.

The contributions to different objects during the year 1862, have been as follows, viz:

Toward support of the pastors,	$204,54
" " of their schools,	251,73
To the poor,	110,22
For Missionary purposes,	155,24
Contributions of the Sabbath School,	100,00
Making a total of	$821,73

Their taxes to the Government were $814,71. Thus it appears, that the amount given, for their own institutions and benevolent purposes, is a trifle more than the sum total of their taxes.

Hitherto, their Missionary efforts have been made through several Societies; but these have now been combined into one, to secure more system and efficiency.

The site for our second church has just been procured. It was on this wise. While we were doubtful, whether we could procure permission to erect a church on the spot, we had in view, because of the proximity of a mosque (Turkish law will not permit the erection of a Christian Church near a Mohammedan mosque), an Armenian, who often attends our Sabbath services, but is not yet fully Protestant, made us a donation of the lot of his house, valued over $200, towards a site for the church. This was wholly spontaneous on his part, and entirely unexpected by us. This seemed to us an indication of Providence to select that spot. Accordingly, we purchased two small adjacent houses; and these, with the donated lot, will give us sufficient room for building. The location is an admirable one, being in the very heart of the Armenian population, and without any ground for objection on the part of the Turkish Authorities, which they are always disposed to do, from bigotry and hatred to Christianity. We could not have selected a more elegible

spot. All this is the more noticeable, as I had just returned from an interview with the Governor of the city, in reference to permission to build on the other spot, he expressing doubts and difficulties in regard to it. Immediately after this conference I heard of this unexpected donation. It seemed to be all of the Lord.

As we have not yet secured all the necessary funds, we design to defer the commencement of building till early in the spring. We hope, that the friends, on whom we are relying for help, will by that time have sent in their contributions.

The ordination and settlement of five native pastors, within the bounds of our Mission, all of whom have been my pupils in Theology, has been to us a very encouraging event. They became pastors of the churches in the following places, viz., of the church in Adana, in the ancient Cilicia ; of the church in Tarsus, the birth place of Paul; of the church in Antioch, where Paul and Silas once labored, and whence the first foreign Mission issued ; of the church in Bitias, near Antioch ; and of the church in Killis, some thirty-five miles distant from here. In each case, the church, according to their ability, are to contribute towards the support of the pastor. The exercises of these occasions were full of deep interest, especially at the latter place. The examination of the candidates, thorough and protracted, proved very satisfactory. One of the Missionaries, rather recently from America, at the close one of them, said, "One half of the examinations in America are not equal to this." The churches and congregations were delighted and sincerely grateful for the new relation thus formed. With the blessing of the Lord, on the labors of these men, the happiest results may be anticipated. They actually take the place of so many missionaries.

Another pastor may be settled in Biredgik, on the Euphrates, before winter; and another one still at Fuerek, beyond Oorfa. With the five above named, we now have eight ordained native pastors, in our whole Mission,—a sufficient number to form an ecclesiastical organization of some kind.

Our present Theological class consists of nine members. It had been our original design, to license them this fall, and send them forth. But at our last annual meeting, they earnestly pleaded to have their term of study protracted ; and the Mission granted their request so far as to allow them to continue till next Spring, when their studies will close. They have been through a regular course of Theology, and are now engaged with Rhetoric and Homiletics; and the coming fall and winter will attend to Church History, Evidences of Christianity, and Introduction to various books of the Bible. Besides these branches bearing directly on their future work, they have been, or are still, instructed by an excellent native teacher, member of the Aaintab church, in Moral, Mental and Natural Philosophy; in the lower branches of Mathematics and

Algebra; in Astronomy and Geography; and in Ancient and Modern Armenian, and in History. Three of them have also acquired such a knowledge of the English language, as to make its rich stores of knowledge accessible to them. With such training, we think, under God, they will be fitted for the labors to which they are called.

Should all these be licensed; added to those now laboring as preachers and pastors, there will have been raised up, by next Spring, twenty preachers of the Gospel from this place. With these men, all our present churches and some others even, may be supplied with pastors. The full realization of such prospects will surely call for thanksgiving to God for his blessing on the means used.

A good portion of my time, during the year, has been occupied in translating. For the special use of our Sabbath School, I translated a tract, entitled, "The last Days of Dr. Payson;" and another, "The Child an Hundred Years old;" both works of the American Tract Society. The latter is an interesting narrative of a pious young girl. I think, 3,000 copies of each were printed; and about 1,500 tracts were distributed in our Sabbath School.

At the suggestion and request of some of our brethren, I have also translated, and almost finished the revision for the press, a work entitled, "The Catechism tested by the Bible." Its excellency consists in this peculiarity, that all the answers to the questions are given by direct quotations from Scripture. It is not only adapted to the Sabbath School, as we use it now in ours; but is admirably fitted for family instruction, leading to the special study of the Word of God. It contains about 250 pages of small duodecimo form. Had Dr. Schaff's Catechism arrived, before this was undertaken, it might have been chosen in its place. As it is, it may be taken up at some future time.

Our Sabbath School continues much as formerly. The average attendance has been 1167, including Teachers; and the highest number has been about 1,500. There are now three different lessons given; one to the Infant classes; the second to the larger children and to females; and the third to adult males. Their contributions, as above noticed, have been $100, within a very few cents. The sum is being forwarded to different parts of the unevangelized world.

The Female Boarding School, under the direction and instruction of Miss Proctor, went into operation, as a boarding establishment, last fall. A class of eight boarding pupils, all from abroad, were then received; and also an equal number of day scholars from Aintab. The progress of the pupils, and the general success of the School, have been very gratifying and encouraging. A class of eight day scholars, who had been under instruction for three years, were dismissed last fall. The public exercises on the occasion were very interesting, and attended by a numerous and highly gratified au-

dience. We confidently look forward to very happy fruits of this Institution; and its agency, in raising up educated and pious females as companions for our native helpers—preachers and pastors—will be highly important.

We have had five Out Stations connected with this Station, viz., Orool, Biredgik, Jibbin, Epnesh, and Hassan Bryli; and since our annual meeting as a Mission, Killis, with Aybez in its vicinity, have been added to these. The most interesting event in the latter place has been the settlement of a pastor. Both church and congregation have been deeply grateful for this auspicious event, and the most happy results, with the divine blessing, may be hoped for. The church numbers 36, the Sabbath audience averages 150, and the Sabbath School 200, while the whole number of Protestant souls is 237. In Biredgik, on the Euphrates, the Sabbath audience averages about 90, the Sabbath School 75, and the whole number of Protestants is towards 120. In the remaining places churches have not yet been formed, though some materials exist in two of them. The audiences in these four places have varied from fifteen, to sixty or more.

I have room only to remark of the common schools, that they contained 612 pupils, more than two fifths of whom are the children of Armenian parents.

But I must not weary you with further details, though these might have been more extended. We would praise the Lord, for all his favors to us in our imperfect efforts; and we ask you and all our friends and supporters to unite with us in prayer for an abundant outpouring of the Spirit upon all under the influence of the truth in our work.

Affectionately yours,

B. SCHNEIDER.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Board of Foreign Missions of the German Reformed Church, in account with ELIAS HEINER, *Treasurer.*

1862.		CR.	
Oct.	18	By balance in Treasury at last settlement,	$269,49
		St. John's Ger. Ref. Sab. School, Allentown, Pa., per Rev. J. H. Derr, pastor,	10,00
	22	Col. at Anniversary meeting. Chambersburg,	12,48
Dec.	10	First church Phil'a., per John Wiest, Esq.	10.26
	26	Rev. H. Eschmeier, Toledo Miss, O.,	3,00
1863.			
Jan.	9	Rev. H. J. Ruetenik, Cleveland, contributions received by him within the bounds of the Western Synod,	126,83
	23	per J Rodenmayer, Sup't Maryland Classis, from Miss Sophia Hammaker, Treasurer Cavetown S. S., Rev. J. W Santee, pastor,	7,00
		Emmittsburg charge, Rev. J. M. Titzel, pastor,	5,00
		Carried over,	$444,56

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1863.		Amount brought over,	$443,56
Jan.	23	By Rev. J. G. Neuber, contr. by a widow,	2,00
		Treasurer Clarion Classis, per Rev. C. A. Limberg, from Troutville Miss. Society,	15,00
Feb.	24	John Wiest, Esq., Phil'a., for Second church in Aintab,	25,00
March	14	Rev. J. Beck, from Ger. Ref. S. S , Easton, gatherings for 1862,	50,00
	29	A Captain in an Indiana Reg., per Rev. M. I. G. Stern, Indianapolis,	5,00
		St. Peters cong , Hausertown, Ind., per Rev. Elias Bauman, pastor,	2,00
April	17	Rev. P. S. Fisher, col. made in Indian Creek and Leidy's congregations, Bucks Co , Pa.,	15,00
	24	St. John's church, Nazareth, per Rev. A. Bartholomew,	6 16
May	9	W., Chambersburg, for 2d church, Aintab,	5,00
		John Heilman, H. S., Heilman's Dale,	10,00
	15	A widow, per Rev. Elias Bauman, Hausert'n, Ind.,	5,00
	16	Sarah A. Benner, Pottstown, 2d church, Aintab,	3,00
	20	Mrs Mary Locher, 1st ch. Baltimore, per Mrs. G. S. G., Treas., for 2d church, Aintab,	5,00
	21	Rev. G. H. Zumpe, Ind., per Rev. E Boehringer,	5,60
	25	per J. Rodenmayer, Sup't Md. Classis, from Rev. J. M. Titzel, Emmittsburg charge,	2,00
		Rev. M. L. Shuford, Mt. Moriah,	2,00
		Rev. H. I. Comfort, Mechanicstown,	3,00
		Rev. W. F. Colliflower, Jefferson,	10,00
June	4	Rev. H. J. Ruetenik, Cleveland, O., am't of monies sent in since New Year, for Mission at Aintab, $62,76; and for 2d church, Aintab, $55,96,	118,72
	19	Rev. G. Weber, Freeport, Ill., a donation from Jno. Root, of that city,	5,00
		Rev. J. B Kniest, Buffalo, N. Y., col. in his S. S., for one year,	25,57
	29	Jacob Rentz, Sr., Lycoming Co , Pa ,	10,00
July	20	Rev. J. B. Kniest, Buffalo, N. Y., monthly col. in his charge,	10,00
	28	American Board, for the Aintab Mission, per Rev. Dr. Fisher, as acknowledged by him in Messenger, since Oct, 29th, 1862.	200,00
		Rev. H. Mosser,	4,00
		Rev. L. K. Derr,	15,00
		Zion's cong., Chambersburg, per W. H. Jr.,	50,00
		Rev. D. Willers,	10,00
		Rev. T. C. Leinbach,	9,25
		Rev. T. W. Kremer, Infl. S. S., and Mem. cong.	34,92
		Rev. H. Mosser,	17,25
		Mrs. S. Koch,	50
		Rev. L. R. Derr,	14,00
		Rev. S B. Leiter, Lady Friend,	1,00
		A Soldier, Old Point Comfort,	2,00
		per Rev. F. W. Kremer, from Rev. J. Gring, $3; Rev. J. Kline, $5; Rev. T. C. Leinbach, $15,25.	23 25
		Rev. T. Fouse,	9,00
		Carried forward,	$1,174,28

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	Amount brought forward,	$1,174,28
29	By Rev. A H. Kremer, Lady member of cong.,	5,(0
	Rev. H. Mosser,	3,00
	A Soldier at Old Point Comfort,	2,00
	Rev. C. H. Leinbach,	5,50
31	Rev. J. A. Merts, West Susquehanna Classis, as follows:	
	Rev. J. K. Millet, Nittnany charge,	5,00
	Rev F. J. Mohr, Williamsport charge,	8,25
	Rev. I. Wiesz, Miffienburg charge,	10,00
	Rev. H. C. Heyser, Liverpool charge,	3,00
	Rev. H. Weigant, Nippenose charge,	30,00
	Rev. I. E. Graeff, widow lady and her two sons, Millersville charge, 2nd church Aintab,	2,00
1	Rev. Mr. Kuelling, collection 4th German Reformed church Baltimore, Foreign Mission,	4,00
	R. F. Kelker, Esq , Harrisburg, Pa., for 2nd Ch. Aintab,	50,00
24	Rev. J. S. Herman, Kutztown, Pa., collected in the Ref. and Luth. S. School,	3,00
8	Rec'd. from Rev. J. B. Kniest, Buffalo, N. Y., Ter. Cen. offering of his cong , $39; and col. at his last Miss. meeting. $7,21,	46,21
21	From the Tercentenary Fund of Ger. Ref. church, Second St., Baltimore, for the 2nd ch at Aintab,	100,00
22	From Rev. A. B. Shenkle, Trappe, Montgomery Co., Pa., for Foreign Missions,	10,00
13	Tercentenary offering from S. and E. Hoyer, Harrisburg, Pa., for Foreign Missions, $50,00; for 2nd ch. at Aintab, Rev. D. Schneider, $50,00,	100,00
28	Rec'd. from Rev. A. L. Herman, col. in the Indepd't St. John's ch., Berks Co., for Foreign Missions,	5,00
2	Rec'd from Rev. H. J. Ruetenik, Cleveland, O., col. for the last several months, Foreign Missions,	90,00
15	Rec'd. from G. S. Griffith, Esq., Treasurer of the Aintab Missionary Society, 2nd ch., Baltimore, for the 2nd church at Aintab additional,	50,00
19	per Rev. Dr. Fisher, as acknowledged by him in Messenger, since August 5th 1863,	
	From D. Moyer, for Aintab church,	3,00
	Rev. H. Wagner, for Aintab church,	6,93
	Hill church, Lebanon, Pa., per J. Heilman,	5,00
	Rev. D. W. Kelley, New Bloomfield. Pa.,	20,00
	Member of 1st church Chambersburg, Pa., a Tercentenary offering,	10,00
	W Oelschlager,	1,00
	Rev. J. E. Hiester,	3,10
	Rev. J. Kline,	5,50
	W. Welshans, Sen.,	1,00
	Rev. D. Willers, Tercentenary offering,	20,00
	Rev. J. Rhinehart, North Lima. O.,	60,00
	Tercentenary offering, Race Street ch., Phila.	63,90
		$1,904,77

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Forwarded to the American Board, at Boston, for the Aintab Mission,	$500.00
American Board for the Aintab Mission,	200.00
For the Second church at Aintab,	100.00
Discount and postage for the year,	4.00
American Board, for the Second church Aintab,	100.00
Forwarded to the American Board, Boston, for 2nd church Aintab.	100.00
Forwarded to the American Board, Boston, for Foreign Miss.,	300.00
Balance in Treasury,	600.77
	$1,904.77

The Committee on Missions, to whom the foregoing reports were referred, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Missions beg leave to offer the following report:

Your committee have examined the documents placed into their hands. These documents consist of the annual reports of the Presidents and Treasurers of the Boards of Domestic and Foreign Missions.

According to the report of the *Board of Domestic Missions*, the important work entrusted to them was prosecuted with fidelity and evident succes. Several stations have, during last year, become self-supporting; others have of their own accord asked the Board to reduce their annual appropriations; whilst still others promise to become self-supporting within a short period of time. Several stations have been discontinued altogether, for want of promise of future success. These changes have proved very opportune to the Treasury of the Board, as the latter was, especially during the forepart of the year, considerably embarrassed in its operations, in consequence of an unusual decrease in its receipts. Of this embarrassment, however, the Board have recently been somewhat relieved by a number of respectable Tercentenary offerings, with which their Treasury was replenished. Yet, in view of the fact, that a considerable amount is still due our Missionaries, and that several new applications are before the Board, which are entitled to its favorable consideration: moreover, in view of the great importance and necessity of the Domestic Missionary operations of our Church, the Committee recommend the following action in reference to the same, namely:

Resolved, That in grateful acknowledgment of the divine blessing and steady progress which hitherto have attended our Home Missionary labors, we re-double our efforts to promote by our earnest prayers, our sympathy and most liberal offerings, this essential interest of our Church, and that it be obligatory on the Classes and various office-bearers of the Church, to inculcate such a spirit in a larger measure into the minds of their respective people.

he report of the *Board of Foreign Missions* is highly encouraging. accompanied by an interesting letter from our Missionary, the . Dr. Benjamin Schneider, in Syria. Aintab, where the building second church is in progress, still forms the centre of his mis- ary field. The number of native pastors is increasing annually, the work in general is regularly progressing, in spite of the vari- obstacles and local difficulties which have to be overcome. The nbers of the congregation evince a spirit of commendable liber- r, having given more for benevolent purposes during last year, n the amount of taxes paid to their government.

n presenting this summary statement in regard to our missionary rations in Foreign lands, your committee is reminded of the rnful fact, that the Rev. Dr. Elias Heiner, who has served this rd in the capacity of President and Treasurer over twenty con- tive years, has only a few days ago been called to his final re- d. The occasion seems here to require some further remarks in nory of the deceased; but as the case has already been attended y Synod in a special minute, your committee deem it proper to ear.

n reference to this general interest we would recommend to od the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the claims of Foreign Missions be brought by the ses to the favorable notice of their pastors and people, and their tributions for this cause be earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

NICHOLAS GEHR, *Chairman.*

II.) ELECTION OF THE BOARDS OF MISSIONS.

'he following persons were chosen members of the Boards Missions for the current year:

BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS,

m the Classis of East Pennsylvania.—Rev. John Beck, and Daniel Y. Heisler.

" " *Lebanon.*—Rev. Franklin W. Kromer and Charles F. McCauley.

" " *Zion.*—Rev. Jacob O. Miller, and William K. Zieber.

" " *Maryland.*—Rev. John S. Foulk, and William F. Colliflower.

" " *North Carolina.*—Rev. Jeremiah Ingold and Thornton Butler.

" " *Philadelphia.*—Rev. Dr. John H. A. Bomberger and Nicholas Gehr.

" " *Virginia.*—Rev. George H. Martin and John C. Hensel.

" " *Mercersburg.*—Rev. John Rebaugh and Thomas G. Apple.

From the Classis of New York.—Rev. John F. Busche and Dedrich Willers.

" " *Goshenhoppen.*—Rev. Daniel Weiser and Augustus L. Dechant.

" " *Lancaster.*—Rev. Isaac Gerhart and Daniel Gans.

" " *East Susquehanna.*—Rev. Albert G. Dole and William Goodrich.

" " *West Susquehanna.*—Rev. Charles H. Leinbach and Israel S. Weisz.

" " *Clarion.*—Rev. Joseph H. Apple and Joseph G. Shoemaker.

" " *St. Paul.*—Rev. Samuel N. Callender, and Henry F. Hartman.

From the Church in General.—Rev. Dr. H. Harbaugh, Theodore Apple, Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart, John G. Wiehle, Samuel H. Giesy, Peter S. Davis, Samuel G. Wagner, and Messrs. Daniel W. Gross, Charles Santee and John Wiest.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

OFFICERS—Rev. Dr. Bernard C. Wolff, *President;* Rev. Daniel Ziegler, *Recording Secretary;* Rev. Benjamin Bausman, *Corresponding Secretary,* and Rudolph F. Kelker, *Treasurer.*

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS—Rev. Dietrich Willers, Dr. Daniel Zacharias, William F. Colliflower, John S. Foulk, and Messrs. John Rodenmayer, John Kefauver, John K. Milnor, Goldsboro S. Griffith and George W. Herring.

III.) MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RELATING TO MISSIONS.

The German congregation at Waterbury, Connecticut, as reported by the Committee on Overtures, requested Synod to provide them with a pastor. The request was referred to the Board of Domestic Missions.

Rev. Jacob O. Miller, in behalf of the Board of Domestic Missions, submitted a report on the subject of Church Extension. It was received, amended and then adopted. The report, as adopted, reads as follows:

The Board of Domestic Missions, to whom was submitted the subject of *Church Extension* by the Synod, have appointed the undersigned to submit a plan to the Synod during its present meeting, so that the good work may be inaugurated during our year of Jubilee. And further, it is the desire of the Board, that the Synod will, after it has adopted either the plan we propose, or some other, formally inaugurate said plan, by requesting the Tercentenary Convention to appropriate to it, in a permanent way, some of its offerings.

We, therefore, propose, in order to carry forward this benevolent work:

1. *That the Board of Domestic Missions*, in addition to their present work, be constituted the Board to manage the Church Extension operations.

2. *The Board shall create* of the means put into their hands for this purpose, two separate funds; the one to be called the *Permanent fund*, securely invested, the interest alone of which shall be employed by the Board; the other the *Current fund*, the whole of which may be expended, if thought proper, at the discretion of the Board.

3. *It shall be the duty of the* Board, to aid from the funds thus appropriated, in the way of gift or loan, feeble congregations to erect church edifices, or in liquidating pressing debts.

4. All the funds, whether collected by agents or contributed by congregations or individuals, for this purpose, shall be strictly appropriated to such fund as the donor may designate.

5. *This Board shall*, in all cases of loans, secure the same by first mortgages, or some other good security.

6. The Board shall have the power to make by-laws, for the better regulation of its affairs, in the new work assigned them, provided they do not conflict with these regulations—and the Constitution of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. MILLER, *Chairman*.

The Committee on Overtures reported a communication from the Rev. John W. Steinmetz, in which he asked permission from Synod to appropriate the amount collected for Tercentenary purposes in the Danville, Pa., charge, about $400, to the liquidation of the debt on the church in Danville. In reference to this request, it was

Resolved, That the Board of Church Extension be requested to appropriate to the Danville church, $400, on condition that the amount be raised in the Danville charge.

The following resolution was adopted in regard to the Altoona Mission:

Resolved, That Synod regards with special favor the Altoona Mission enterprize, and earnestly commends it to the liberality of the Church during this Tercentenary Jubilee.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Church Extension Board be regarded as one of the "general objects of the Church," and as such, Synod commend it to the favorable regard of the Church.

The anniversaries of the Domestic and Foreign Boards of

Missions were held during the sessions of Synod, the former on the evening of the fourth and the latter on the evening of the fifth day. Several addresses were delivered on each occasion, and collections taken up in aid of the cause of Missions.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The annual report from the Trustees of Synod, accompained with the report of the Treasurer of Synod, was received, and read and referred to the Committee on Finance, except so much of the report of the Treasurer as related to the communication addressed to him by the Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff, which was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. P. Seibert Davis, D. B. Albright, and Elder John Huber,

The following is the report of the Board of Trustees:

At the Synod of Easton, the 2nd German Reformed church of Reading, Pa., gave a mortgage to Synod for the amount of $2905.74, covering subscriptions for the payment of the debt of said church, which the Treasurer of Synod was instructed to have recorded in the proper office in Berks county. The Treasurer has had this mortgage thus recorded.

At the same Synod the Treasurer was instructed to make settlement with the Rev. A. Helffenstein, Jun., Trustee for the "Widow's Fund" of the German Reformed Church. After having an interview with Mr. Helffenstein, the Treasurer failed to accomplish the end in view. At a subsequent meeting of Synod, the matter was referred to the "Widow's Fund Society," with which the desired settlement was made.

The Board has audited the report of Synod's Treasurer and found it correct. The report will be presented to Synod by this officer As the term of the Treasurer's office will expire with the present year, it will be necessary for Synod to elect a successor at its present meeting. The Board respectfully presents the names of R. F. Kelker, Esq., of Harrisburg, and Hon. Henry Ruby, of Shippensbug, Pa., as suitable candidates for the office of Trustee of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

B. BAUSMAN.

The Synod fixed the time for holding the election for a member of the Board of Trustees, and of Treasurer of Synod. At the time appointed the election was held. Rudolph F. Kelker was elected a Trustee of Synod, and subsequently also its Treasurer.

The following is the report of the Treasurer of Synod:

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States.

Dear Brethren:—It becomes my duty on the annual assembling of your Reverend body, to submit to you a report of the receipts and disbursements of the current year. The legacy bequeathed to Synod by Peter Cook, Esq., deceased, and which, agreeably to the direction of the testator, was secured as a first lien upon real property, was paid to me as the Treasurer of Synod on the close of August last; since which time, it has been impossible for me to invest it, agreeably to the directions of the deceased.

The amount is $1200, and remains in the Bank of Chambersburg on deposit. It will, therefore, be highly proper for Synod to direct their future Treasurer how, or in what manner it should be invested. Great difficulty now exists in securing money upon first liens.

In the settlement of the account of M. Kieffer & Co., for printing, a balance of $392,49 was found due them, and for which provision should be made.

The appended list of balances due by the several Classes, amounts to $691,53, which, if paid, would liquidate the balance; but, unfortunately, such balances encumber our report annually.

The gross amount paid into the Treasurer through the past year was $1,208,46, of which there has been paid out $1,204,02, leaving in the hands of the Treasurer a balance of $4,44. The only payment made by the different Classes on their amount due the $17,000 scheme was $40,56, by the Rev. N. S. Strassburger. It is altogether important, that all the balances due from various sources should be paid, thus enabling Synod to start with a clean sheet. It is unpleasant to all concerned, to have these old sores opened afresh every synodical year. It would be far better to dispose of them, and get them out of sight. The amount due by Virginia Classis, amounting to $77,00, it would seem to your Treasurer far better to cancel, not because it is due to the Classis, but because it is unlikely that it will be paid.

It affords me great pleasure to bring to the notice of Synod, the liberal donation of the Rev. P. Schaff, D. D., as a Tercentenary offering amounting to $1,000, conditioned as follows: Five hundred dollars in money, or in bonds bearing interest, five hundred dollars in valuable, theological, exegetical, historical, philosophical and miscellaneous works, to be incorporated with the Library of the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, to be transferred as soon as shelving is put up to accommodate them in the Library room.

The donor requests that the five hundred dollars thus donated, will be transferred to the General Synod, which will hold its first triennial meeting at Pittsburg, in November next. This transfer will at once appear proper and just, when it is considered, that the Western Synod is equally interested with the Eastern, in the use of the German Hymn book, the proceeds of which has suggested the

donation, and should, therefore, be entitled to a portion of the benefit.

For a more full and complete understanding of the donor's views, I would refer you to the accompanying paper. The closing year will no doubt be long remembered, as forming not only a connecting link with the past, but as no small part of the history of our Church. It is the beginning of a new era in our church life, and public benefactions when viewed in the aggregate, will, I trust, tell that our hearts have expanded with gratitude to God for his signal blessings to us as a Church, and that we have been permitted to celebrate the Tercentenary year of Jubilee; and that through it, a clearer and fuller view of the Church has been brought before its membership and the world at large, being seen from a much higher standpoint than ever before. The accompanying account of your Treasurer will more specifically exhibit the receipts and disbursements of the past year.

For twenty nine successive years, I have served you as the Treasurer of Synod, during which the outward aspect of your Reverend body has materially changed. Those, with some exceptions that now attend your annual sessions, are mostly younger brethren, the older having passed away. This report, according to the provisions of the charter governing the Board of Trustees of Synod, will necessarily be my last, and in taking my leave as your Treasurer in the past, I do so with the kindest wishes for the prosperity and enlargement of our beloved Zion, hoping also, that my successor as Treasurer, may, as I have, experience an equal amount of pleasure in his official connection with you. Hoping that the Great Head of the Church may be with you in your deliberations, and bring you to wise and happy conclusions, I beg leave to submit this as my annual report.

Respectfully submitted,

W. HEYSER, *Treas. of Synod.*

The Synod of the German Reformed Church in account with WILLIAM HEYSER, *Treasurer.*

		CR.	
1862.		By balance in Treasury at settlement,	$111,86
Nov.	5	By Cash received from East Susquehanna Classis,	75,00
1863.			
Jan.	14	" Lancaster Classis,	20,00
Feb.	4	" East Pennsylvania Classis,	50,00
Apr.	6	" Interest on Cook legacy, 6 months,	36,00
May	27	" Mercersburg Classis,	80,00
		" Lebanon Classis,	91,81
June	10	" Maryland Classis,	120,00
		" Goshenhoppen Classis,	98,86
		" Lebanon Classis,	10,00
	17	" Lebanon Classis,	3,00
		Carried forward,	$666,53

CR.

1863.		Amount brought forward,	$666,53
July	29	Cash received of Clarion Classis,	8,97
Aug.	5	" West Susquehanna Classis,	47,25
	26	" East Susquehanna Classis,	40,00
Sept.	30	" Zion's Classis,	119,00
Oct.	6	" Interest on Cook legacy,	21,40
	13	" Philadelphia Classis,	57,00
		" Lindsay & Blakiston, copy money,	25,00
		" N. S. Strassburger on $17,000 scheme,	40,56
	14	" Dividends Hagerstown Bank, March and May,	34,22
	16	" Lancaster Classis,	33,53
	26	" East Pennsylvania Classis	100,00
		" New York Classis,	15,00
			$1,208,46

DR.

1862.			
Dec.	30	To Cash paid Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., Chair. Com. Heidelberg Catechism,	$33,90
		" Rev. H. Harbaugh, D. D., Exp. Committee arrangement,	4,00
1863			
Jan	8	" Rev. G. Seibert, translating Minutes,	30,00
	22	" E. V. Gerhart, D. D., exp. Tercentenary since accrued,	15,80
		" E. V. Gerhart, D. D., 500 copies sub. lists Heidelberg Catechism,	6,00
Feb.	23	" Rev. J. S. Kessler, translating Liturgy,	23,00
Apr.	9	" A. B. Wingerd, Interest on Cook legacy,	36,00
Sept.	10	" P. Schaff, D. D, freight on Library books,	2,00
Oct.	9	" A. B. Wingerd, Interest on Cook legacy,	21,40
	13	" S. R. Fisher, D. D., Stated Clerk,	75,00
		" S. R. Fisher, D. D., printing Minutes,	685,89
	14	" S. R. Fisher, D. D., printing Minutes	90,00
		" Expenses Trea. postage stamps and envelopes	75
	16	" Stationary, &c.,	1,75
		" Rev. S. R. Fisher, printing,	63,53
	26	" Rev. S. R. Fisher, and M. Kieffer & Co.,	115,00
		Balance in Treasury,	4,44
			$1,208,46

Amount due by the Several Classes.

East Pennsylvania Classis,		$250,00
Lebanon	"	29,83
Philadelphia	"	98,00
Virginia	"	77,00
Goshenhoppen	"	17,95
Lancaster	"	198,75
St. Paul's	"	20,00
		$691,53

Synod of Ger. Ref. Church, U. S. To M. Kieffer & Co.

DR.

1863.				
Oct.	18	To balance on account as rendered,		[illegible]
Dec.	20	printing 3000 English Minutes,	$406,00	
		" 2000 German Minutes,	322,00	
		Postage on Minutes sent,	12,00	
		Printing 30,000 Tracts, paper, press, work and binding,	77,50	[illegible]
				$1,[illegible]

CR.

1863.			
Oct.	13	By Cash paid,	$[illegible],80
	14	By Cash paid,	70,00
		Balance due M. Kieffer & Co.	571,02
			$1,246,91
1863		Balance due M. Kieffer & Co.,	$571,02
Oct.	16	Paid M. Kieffer & Co., printing,	[illegible]
		Actual balance,	$392,49

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report, which was received, and adopted:

The Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows: The report of the Treasurer of Synod is the only document put into our hands. It is unaccompanied by vouchers, and hence your committee was unable to audit it; but this is unnecessary, as it was audited by the Board of Trustees of Synod, which found it to be correct. From the Treasurer's report, we learn that the amount of receipts into the Treasury during the past year is $1208,46 and the expenditures $1204,02, leaving a balance in the Treasury of $4,44.

The sum of $1200,00, being a bequest of Peter Cook, Esq., dec'd., not finding a suitable investment, remains on deposit in the Bank of Chambersburg, subject to the direction of Synod.

There is at present due to M. Kieffer & Co., for printing,	$392,49
To this amount must be added the probable expenditures of the coming year,	900,00
Leaving	$1,292,49

to be provided for. Your committee make the following assessments to meet this demand, including the balances due to the Treasury by the several Classes. The Treasurer suggests to Synod the propriety of cancelling the indebtedness of Virginia Classis, amounting to, $77,00.

		New.	Old.	Total.
East Pennsylvania	Classis,	$80,00	$250,00	$330,00
Lebanon	"	70,00	29,83	99,83
Zion's	"	80,00		80,00
Maryland	"	80,00		80,00
		$310,00	$279,83	$589,83

Carried forward,

		Amount brought forward,		
		$310,00	$279,83	$589.83
Philadelphia	Classis,	60,00	98,00	158,00
Mercersburg	"	80,00		80,00
Goshenhoppen	"	55,00	17,95	72,95
Virginia	"		77,00	77,00
New York	"	8,00		8,00
West New York	"	7,00		7,00
Lancaster	"	60,00	198,75	258,75
East Susquehanna	"	40,00		40,00
West Susquehanna	"	40,00		40,00
Clarion	"	25,00		25,00
St. Paul's	"	15,00	20,00	35,00
		$700,00	$691,53	$1,391,53

It is a matter of rejoicing that a number of Classes have during past year cancelled their pecuniary obligations to Synod; but the majority of them are still in arrears. How to reach the Classes which are thus guilty of culpable disregard of the repeated injunctions of Synod is not clear to your Committee. We would, however, submit the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That we earnestly enjoin upon all Classes to pay promptly their several dues to the Contingent Fund of Synod; and especially urge all *delinquent* Classes to make full arrangement at their next annual meetings for the immediate and complete cancelling of their indebtedness to Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC. K. LOOS, *Chairman.*

The committee to whom was referred the letter of the Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff, addressed to the Treasurer of Synod, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted, except the 5th item, which was referred to the Committee to carry on the Printing Establisment:

The committee to whom Dr. Schaff's letter to the Treasurer of Synod was referred, would beg leave to report,

That they have examined the document and would respectfully suggest to Synod the following action:

1. That the letter itself be published in the Minutes of Synod, as a record of Dr. Schaff's liberality, and because of the statement it makes in regard to the publication of his German Hymn Book.

2. That Dr. Schaff's generous donation of $1000 be gratefully accepted and acknowledged.

3. That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to pay over the $500 in cash to the General Synod, to be invested as the German Hymn Book Fund, the interest of which shall be used for such general church purposes, as the Synod may see fit to designate.

4. That the books donated be incorporated into the Theological library at Mercersburg as soon as practicable.

5. That the Synod take such action as may be deemed proper in regard to securing the copy right and stereotype plates of the German Hymn book.

Respectfully submitted,

P. S. DAVIS, *Chairman.*

The following is the letter of the Dr. Philip Schaff, referred to in the above report:

Theological Seminary, Mercersburg, Pa., Oct. 10, 1863.

Mr. William Heyser, Treasurer of Synod.

RESPECTED AND DEAR BROTHER:—I beg leave to present to the *Synod of the German Reformed Church*, through you as Treasurer, the value of *one thousand dollars* as a Tercentenary donation in behalf of the New German Hymn Book prepared and published by me a few years ago. This donation consists:

1. In five hundred dollars cash, which I enclose with the request that Synod at their next meeting in Carlisle make this sum over to the *General Synod*, which is to hold their first triennial meeting at Pittsburg, Pa., in November next, and which may use the *interest* of this *German Hymn Book Fund* from time to time for such general church purposes as they deem proper. This transfer will at once appear proper and just in view of the fact, that the Western Synod is equally interested with the Eastern in the use of the German Hymn Book, and should, therefore, be entitled to a portion of the benefit which is now, or which may hereafter be secured from it.

2. In several hundred volumes of valuable theological, exegetical, historical, philosophical and miscellaneous works from my library, which are to be incorporated with the Library of the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, and will be transferred as soon as the necessary additional shelves are put up in the Library room.

It may be necessary to add some remarks in explanation of this donation. For particulars of the facts to which I shall allude, I beg leave to refer you to my former communications to Synod and to Synod's actions on the German Hymn Book question in the published proceedings of the last four annual meetings.

A few years ago I prepared and published on my own responsibility a German Hymn book, first a large edition with biographical and critical notes in October 1859, and then a small edition for popular use in 1860. Such a book had long been called for by the German portion of our Church, and its preparation was undertaken by direction of the Synod at Allentown in 1858, but broken off or indefinitely suspended by the dissolution of the Committee at the Synod of Frederick in 1858. Owing to certain difficulties growing out of Synod's contract with the Printing Establishment of Messrs. Kieffer & Co., at Chambersburg, the work was not published by that firm, and appeared as a private publication under my own name and at

my own risk in the city of Philadelphia. The Synod of Harrisburg in October 1859, somewhat hastily, adopted the book a few days after its appearance, but Messrs. Kieffer & Co., as a consideration for their consent put in a claim upon Synod of one thousand dollars—the amount of my present donation—payable in 1863, at the expiration of their ten years' contract with Synod. This claim in connection with the neglect of the constitutional submissiom of the book to the previous consideration of the Classes called forth a protest from several Classes and led to a repeal of the adopting act at the Synod of Lebanon in 1860, and a formal reference of the book to the Classes. Having been regularly approved by all the Classes at their next meetings, the Hymn book was finally acted upon and its public use authorized by the Synod at Easton in 1861. But Messrs. Kieffer & Co., were unwilling to give up their thousand dollar claim. At that time I renewed my previous protest against this claim and submitted at the same time to Synod's consideration three distinct and liberal proposals by which, as I thought, the Firm might be satisfied and the Synod released of its obligation. The proposals were referred to a committee of five prominent laymen with instructions to confer with Messrs. Kieffer & Co., and to report accordingly. The Committee held a conference with the representative of the firm and reported to the Synod of Chambersburg in 1862, that Messrs. Kieffer & Co., owing to the difficulties of the times, refused to accede to any of my proposals and adhered to the arrangement made at the Synod of Harrisburg in 1860. My paper containing protest and proposals together with Synod's action are recorded in the Minutes of last Synod.

By this refusal of the Printing firm to accede to any modification or compromise, I was released from all further obligation in the case, and no body could justly deprive me of the benefit which may accrue to me as the legal and proper owner of the copy right and the stereotype plates of the New German Hymn Book. There can be no dispute on my right and title in the case.

But this does not satisfy my conscience, nor come up to my original intentions and wishes, that Synod might derive some benefit from a work on which it has been pleased to confer the seal of its approval.

I therefore make this disposal of the matter in this Tercentenary year and just before the expiration of the ten years' contract of Synod with Messrs. Kieffer & Co., but with no intention to interfere with their disposal of their claim on Synod. I hope the arrangement embodied in the previous part of this paper will prove satisfactory to all the parties concerned.

It is but due to frankness and honesty to add, that the stereotype plates of both editions of my Hymn book together with the other incidental expenses connected with its preparation and publication,

are now nearly, if not fully paid, and that there is a reasonable prospect that the donation I now make to Synod will be ultimately refunded to me from the receipt for copy money, if the book continues to sell and to be used in the churches. Considering the peculiar difficulties which attended its publication for reasons lying outside of its merits, and considering the rivalry of at least half a dozen German Hymn books authorized and unauthorized which are still in public use in our Church, the success of my Hymn book has surpassed my expectation. The large edition, which was quite expensive and is comparatively little called for, will probably never be profitable, especially since I relinquished one half of the stipulated and customary copy money, in order to enable the publishers to sell it at the same price ($1,25 retail) as before the recent rise of the price of paper and binding material. But the small edition, which has met with a large circulation, will make up for the deficiency.

I make this statement with the kindest feelings towards the members of the Printing Establishment, and I am happy to say in this connection, that I regard my former difficulty with them concerning the general question of copy money satisfactorily settled by their own just and liberal terms in assuming the publication of the English and German Memorial Volumes of the Tercentenary Celebration of the Heidelberg Catechism.

Although I have no wish at present to discontinue my connection with the New German Hymn Book, and have no reason to be dissatisfied with my present publishers; yet, in view of the whole history of this matter, I hereby renew, in conclusion, my proposal made to the Synod at Easton in 1861, to transfer to Synod the copy right and stereotype plates of my German Hymn book on liberal terms, whenever Synod shall feel disposed to become the owner thereof. My agreement with Messrs. Lindsay & Blakiston, the present publishers, makes express provision for such a transfer on the sole condition that Synod in this case must buy out the stock on hand at cost.

You are at liberty to make such use of this paper in your report to the next meeting of Synod as you may deem proper.

With great respect your friend and brother in Christ.

PHILIP SCHAFF.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay the expenses of the Rev. Thomas G. Apple, $31,25, incurred in attending the German Reformed Synod of Ohio and adjacent States.

The request of the Classis of New York, to have the claim of $75, on account of assessment for Theological Seminary, disappear from the Minutes, in accordance with the previous ac-

tion of Synod, reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, was granted.

Rev. David W. Wolff, and Elders Daniel W. Gross and William Schull, were appointed a committee, to audit the account of George Z. Kunkel, Esq., Treasurer of the $17,000 Fund. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee appointed to audit the account of the Treasurer of the $17,000 Fund, report, that they have attended to the duty imposed upon them, comparing it with the vouchers and that they find it correct.

Respectfully submitted,
D. W. WOLFF, *Chairman.*

The following preamble and resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS, According to the Act of Incorporation of this Synod, Elder William Heyser's term of office as Treasurer of Synod expires with the present year; and Whereas, he has faithfully filled this office for twenty-nine consecutive years, therefore

Resolved, That this Synod has a high appreciation of Elder Heyser's services as its Treasurer during so long a time, and hereby tenders him its cordial thanks for the same.

A committee was appointed to take up a collection for the Sexton, who reported the amount collected to be $17,55, and were directed to pay it over to the person for whose use it was taken up.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we hereby instruct the Trustees of Synod to require a bond with the proper security from their Treasurer, for the faithful performance of his duty, as required by the previous action of Synod.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The consistory of the congregation at Waterbury, Connecticut, as reported by the Committee on Overtures, petitioned the Synod to receive them into its connection, and provide them with a pastor. The former part of this petition was referred to the Classis of New York, within whose bounds the congregation is located.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported as irregularities, the facts, that the Classis of New York had elected

but one delegate to the General Synod; that the Classis of Zion had confirmed a call from the Mechanicsburg charge without giving the name of the person to whom it was extended, and also received the Rev. D. W. Kelley, from the Sandusky Classis, without the regular certificate of dismission; that the Classis of Maryland had received the Rev. John M. Titzel from the Virginia Classis, without presentation of the usual credentials; that the Classes of Virginia and North Carolina had not furnished Synod with a copy of their Minutes; that the Classis of Goshenhoppen had not furnished a statistical table separate from the body of its Minutes, and that the Classis of Philadelphia had furnished no report on the State of Religion or Statistical table separate from the body of its Minutes. The judgment of the Committee in these several cases was approved. In reference to the reception of the Rev. Mr. Titzel by the Classis of Maryland, it was

Resolved, That, in view of the circumstances connected with the case, it being impossible, in the present state of the country, for the brother to procure a certificate of dismission, the action of the Classis be approved.

The Classes of Virginia and North Carolina were excused for not furnishing copies of their Minutes.

The Classis of Philadelphia, as reported by the Committee on Overtures, requested Synod, inasmuch as the Minutes of the Classis do not show which of the charges have paid in full or in part their portion of the $17,000 Fund, to make an appropriation from the Tercentenary contributions of said Classis to the liquidation of her delinquency, namely $670,02. In reference to this, it was

Resolved, That, in view of the specific objects to which the Tercentenary contributions are to be devoted, the request cannot be granted.

The Classis of Goshenhoppen, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested Synod to define a geographical boundary line between Goshenhoppen and East Pennsylvania Classes. This request was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Israel S. Weisz, David O. Shoemaker, and Elder Samuel Utt. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the request of the Goshenhoppen Classis to define its boundaries, beg leave to report,

That, inasmuch as there has existed for some years a difficulty between this and the East Pennsylvania Classis, growing out of the fact that the boundary lines between these two Classes have never been defined—and inasmuch as, in the opinion of your committee this difficulty may, with proper effort, be settled by the Classes them-

selves, it is, therefore, recommended to Synod to refer the request of Goshenhoppen Classis, to the Classes interested, with instruction to them, to appoint a joint committee of conference, with a view to defining the boundary lines between them.

Respectfully submitted,

I. S. WEISZ, *Chairman.*

The Classis of Maryland, as reported by the Committee on Minutes Classes, respectfully and earnestly invokes the aid of the Synod in getting our unoccupied ministers into the work of the ministry. In reference to this, it was

Resolved, That this item be referred to the several Classes, with a view to take action thereupon so as to afford the aid solicited.

The Classis of Zion, as reported by the Committee on the Minutes of Classes, requested Synod to attach the Shippensburg charge to that Classis. The request was referred to the Classis of Mercersburg.

The Classis of Mercersburg, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes; requested Synod to urge upon all the Classes, the duty of making it a condition of admission to examination and licensure, on the part of all applicants for licensure from the Theological Seminary, that they present a regular certificate of dismission and recommendation for licensure, from the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary. The request of the Classis was granted.

In reference to the request of the Classis of Mercersburg to Synod, reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, to open a column in her statistics, headed "Church Extension," it was

Resolved, That this Synod respectfully decline to accede to to this request.

The Classis of New York, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested Synod to translate the Provisional Liturgy into German, to the place where the forms of family devotion begin. In reference to this request, it was

Resolved, That, in view of the action of Synod at its last annual meeting, and the further agitation of the subject in prospect, Synod deems it inexpedient to comply with this request.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

PUBLICATION.

The following report was received from the Board of Publication:

The Board of Publication would respectfully submit the following as its annual report:

From the annual statement of the condition of the Printing Establishment, submitted to our consideration by the Firm, we are happy to state that the business operations of the Establishment have been successfully carried forward, and that the civil convulsion, into which our unhappy country has been thrown, has not materially affected its interests. The following is a brief synopsis of the annual statement submitted to the Board.

The amount of liabilities, October 1st, 1863 is	$12,420,95
" " " 1862 is	11,484,02¾
Showing that during the year there has been an increase in the liabilities of the establishment of	$936,92¼

This was owing to the necessary improvement of the Buildings of the Establishment, and the expenses incurred by the publication of the Tercentenary Monument.

The total assets of the Establishment, October 1st, 1863 is	$48,215,90
The total assets of the Establishment Oct. 1st 1862 is	45,750,28
Showing an increase in the assets as compared with the last year, of	$2,465,62

There has been an increase in the circulation both of the "Messenger" and the "Kirchenzeitung," as will be seen from the following statements:

Messenger, new subscribers for the year,	395
More than last year,	66
Present number of subscribers,	2,661
Number of subscribers, Oct. 1st, 1861,	2,599
Increase,	62
Showing that the increase of this year was greater than that of last by	18
Kirchenzeitung, new subscribers for the year	514
More than last year	334
Present number of subscribers	2,282
Number of subscribers, Oct. 1st, 1862,	2,000
Increase,	282

The following is a summary of the receipts and disbursements for the year:

RECEIPTS.

Received on Messenger,		$5,204,81	
"	Kirchenzeitung,	2,299,77	
"	Books, Jobs, &c.,	7,699,21½.	
"	Cash taken in Bindery,	162,75	
"	Loans,	2,340,50	
	Total income,	$17,707,04½	
Due Treasurer, Oct. 1st, 1863,		323,44¼	18,030,48¾

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid principal on notes and loans,	$3,343,41	
Interest, material, hands, agency,	14,525,83	
Due Treasurer, Oct. 1st 1862.	171,14¾	
Amount,		$18,030,30,48¾

The Board would respectfully call the attention of Synod to the fact, that the contract with M. Kieffer & Co., will expire on the 1st of January, 1864, and that arrangements must be made with the Company.

The Board would also state, that the Almanac recommended by the Board last year is being published, and will, in a short time, be ready for sale. Such an annual messenger in the community and among our membership will become the bearer of much profitable intelligence concerning our Church; and the Board earnestly hopes, that proper efforts will be made to extend its circulation in every German Reformed family within the limits of our Beloved Zion.

Respectfully submitted,

Oct. 23rd, 1863. SAMUEL PHILIPS, *Secretary.*

On the reception of the above report, the Synod resolved itself into a committee of the whole, with the Rev. Samuel N. Callender in the chair, to take up the general subject of the publication operations of the Church. The subject was discussed at length during parts of two sessions, when the committee arose, and reported, recommending, that the whole subject, together with the report of the Board of Publication, be referred to the Committee on Publication, which report was adopted.

The committee on Publication submitted the following report, which was received, taken up item by item and adopted:

The Committee on Publication submit the following report:

From the report of the Board of Publication, placed in our hands, it appears that the affairs of the Printing Establishment have been carried forward during the year with much energy, and its operations have been crowned with a corresponding degree of success.

The assets of the Establishment amount this year to $48,215,90. The amount last year was $45,750,28, showing an increase of assets as compared with the previous year of $2,465,62.

The liabilities this year are $12,420,95. Last year they were $11,482,02¾, showing an increase of liabilities of $939,92¼. This is owing to certain necessary improvements in the buildings of the Establishment, and the expenses incurred by the publication of the "Tercentenary Monument."

A similar degree of energy and success also accompany the publication of our Church Periodicals.

The number of new subscribers obtained this year for the "German Reformed Messenger" is 394, exceeding the number of last year by sixty-six; the number of new subscribers to the "Kirchenzeitung" this year is 514, exceeding that of last year by 334; making a total increase of new subscribers to the papers, notwithstanding the continuance of our present embarrassing national difficulties, over all discontinuances of 344.

By comparing the reports of the Printing Establishment as published in the Minutes of Synod for the *last ten years*, it appears that the assets of the Establishment have been gradually increasing; whilst the liabilities on the other hand, have been gradually diminishing, except in those cases where it has been necessary to increase the usual expenditures for the purpose of making improvements, which would be conducive to the further prosperity of the Establishment. Under these circumstances, the Church has great reason to be thankful, that this department of her activity has been in a prosperous condition. The Printing Establishment is now worth much more than it was ten years ago, and the Committee are of the opinion that the brethren, composing the Firm, into whose hands this matter was intrusted, have labored with untiring industry and perseverance, in bringing about this favorable result, and therefore well deserve the thanks of the Church for what they have thus so successfully accomplished.

The contract entered into with M. Kieffer & Co., ten years ago, expires on the 1st of January, 1864. It, therefore, devolves on this Synod to make a new arrangement with said Company for the future; or devise some other method for the successful operation of her Publication Department.

In order to bring the whole subject before the Synod, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Synod appoint a committee, whose duty it shall be to report on the propriety of buying out the interest of the firm of Messrs. Kieffer & Co.; and to report definitely upon what terms the transaction can be made, so that hereafter the Establishment may be wholly owned and carried forward by the Synod, or any *other plan* which said committee may deem feasible for the adoption of this Synod.

The Committee is also informed in the report of the Board, that the "Church Almanac," ordered to be published by Synod, is about

to leave the press, and in a few days will be ready for distribution; and whereas the circulation of such an "Annual Messenger" is well calculated to do good and diffuse much profitable religious intelligence concerning our Church, the Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Synod enjoin upon all the Ministers and Elders in the Church, the duty of using all possible efforts in giving the "Church Almanac," a wide circulation among the friends and members and families of our Church.

The Committee would also recommend to Synod the adoption of the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, This year, A. D., 1863, commemorates the Three Hundredth Anniversary of the formation and adoption of our excellent symbol of faith, the "Heidelberg Catechism;" and whereas, the Church Periodicals are the necessary and useful channels, whereby to communicate to our membership a proper consciousness of the history, spirit and life, of this valuable symbol of faith, as well as all the doctrines of our Church, therefore

Resolved, That the Synod enjoin upon each pastor, in connection with his consistory, or consistories, to make a special effort to promote the wider circulation of our Church papers in their respective charges, and that each Classis at its next annual meeting, inquire of each minister and his elder, how far this duty has been attended to.

The Committee also take pleasure in reporting the publication, by the Firm of M. Kieffer & Co., of a valuable and interesting work, styled the "Tercentenary Monument," containing an account of all the proceedings of the large Convention of the whole Church, East and West, held in Philadelphia from the 17th to the 23rd of January, 1863, to commemorate the Three Hundredth Anniversary of the formation and adoption of the Heidelberg Catechism. Your Committee would recommend to Synod the importance of directing the attention of the ministers, elders and members of the Church to the above work, for the purpose of giving it a wide circulation.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB HASSLER, *Chairman.*

Rev. Prof. Theodore Appel, George W. Aughinbaugh, John V. Eckert, and Elders John Wiest and Daniel W. Gross were appointed the committee called for in the foregoing report. This committee submitted the following report:

The committee appointed in accordance with the resolution embodied in the report of Synod's Committee on Publication, report,

That they conferred with M. Kieffer & Co., and received from them two propositions, which are contained in the document herewith presented. As they were not unanimous as it regards either,

they agreed to recommend to Synod the adoption of either the one or the other, and beg to submit this as their report.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPEL, Chairman.

PROPOSITIONS OF M. KIEFFER & CO.

We are willing to convey all our interest in the Printing Establishment property, apart from what is due us on Investment account, to the Synod for $4,000, on condition that we are released from all responsibility for any of its liabilities. The Synod can then make arrangements to carry it forward as a Church Establishment, or close up its affairs, as may be preferred.

Should this proposition not meet the wishes of Synod, we will then propose to give the Synod the same amount for its interest in the Establishment; or if it be preferred, to pay 10 per cent copy money on the retail price of all the church publications, namely, hymn books, catechisms, and church constitutions, printed and sold by the Establishment during the ten years of co-partnership, and also add the interest on the copy money to be paid for each year, up to the close of the partnership. This alternative proposition for the purchase of the Synod's interest in the establishment is made, subject to the following conditions:

1.) The amount of the consideration money is to be funded with the Firm of M. Kieffer & Co., as long as they may need it, to be secured by mortgage on their property, on which the interest shall be paid every six months.

2.) The Synod is to give to the Firm, the publishing of its papers, it retaining, as heretofore, the control it now has over their editorial management. These papers the Firm will obligate themselves to make as serviceable to the interests of the Church as possible, and to furnish them to the subscribers at simply paying rates.

3.) The Synod is to continue to give its present publications and such other publications as it may in future authorize, to the Firm, they obligating themselves to publish them in good workman-like manner, and to sell them at the rates at which publications on which copy money is paid, are usually sold; and to pay to the Synod, at the end of every six months, 10 per cent copy money on the retail price of all the publications of the Church sold during that period.

4.) The Synod shall appoint a "Publishing Committee" of five or seven persons, whose duty it shall be either to prepare themselves, or to get others to prepare, such works as may be suitable for Sabbath Schools, and other purposes in the Church, no work to be issued under the sanction of the Church, except it be approved by every member of the Committee. To enable the Committee to carry out the duties that will thus be assigned them, they shall have the control of the interest accruing on the money funded with the Firm, and of the copy money realized on the sale of the Church's publications, or at least, of so much of these as may be necessary to defray

all expenses incurred in getting up such books and in paying the authors of them, a reasonable compensation for them, if desired. The firm will obligate themselves to publish all books that shall be furnished by this Committee under the regulations specified.

5.) The Synod shall co-operate in every reasonable way with the Firm in their efforts to carry forward the legitimate objects of their business as embraced in the proposed arrangement.

6.) This arrangement shall continue for a term of ten years, unless previously annulled by the mutual consent of both parties.

M. KIEFFER & Co.

Chambersburg, Pa., Oct. 20th, 1863.

The subject embraced in the above report was discussed at length. It was eventually disposed of by the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Synod accept the proposition of the Firm of M. Kieffer & Co., to sell the Printing Establishment, paying the firm of M. Kieffer & Co., Five Thousand Dollars, and that a Committee of Five Laymen, Members of the Church, be appointed to conduct the affairs of the Establishment, with Dr. Fisher as the Manager under the supervision of the Committee, who shall report to the next Synod.

An election was held for the persons to constitute the committee called for in this resolution. It resulted in the choice of John Meily, John Wiest, Adam B. Wingerd, Daniel W. Gross and Rudolph F. Kelker.

The Synod directed, that, in the transfer of the property by M. Kieffer & Co., the title be vested in "The Trustees of Synod."

The following additional resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That a "Publishing Committee" of five persons, be appointed, whose duty it shall be either to prepare themselves, or to get others to prepare, such works as may be suitable for Sabbath Schools, and other purposes in the Church, no work to be issued under the sanction of the Church, except it be approved by every member of the Committee.

Resolved, That this Committee be authorized to draw from the proceeds of the publishing operations of the Church to the amount of $300 annually, if necessary, to enable them to carry out the object of their appointment.

An election was held for the "Publishing Committee," called for in the above resolutions, and resulted in the choice of Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh, Benjamin Bausman, Thomas G. Apple, Dr. John W. Nevin, and Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart.

The following resolution was also adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod desires to acknowledge her obligations to Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., for his long, faithful, and successful management of her interests in the Printing

Establishment, and with her thanks, would assure him of her unabated respect and confidence.

The Stated Clerk of Synod submitted the following report in regard to the publication of the Minutes, which was received and adopted.

The undersigned respectfully reports,

That, in accordance with the instructions of Synod, he caused three thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the Sessions of the last Annual Synod to be published in the English language, and two thousand in the German language, and distributed them amongst the several Classes and others entitled to receive them, according to the ratio prescribed by the Synod. The average cost of the Minutes the past year was a fraction higher than during previous years, owing to the advance in the price of paper.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk.*

A communication from Niles H. Shearer, Agent of the U. S. Christian Commission, was received, as reported by the Committee on Overtures, in which he expresses the desire that the religious papers of our Church may be circulated gratuitously among the soldiers in our Army. The subject embraced in this communication was referred to the consideration and attention of the Editors of our several Church papers.

The Rev. Daniel Feete, an Agent of the U. S. Christian commission, addressed the Synod on the subject of distributing the papers of the Church among the soldiers of the Army. A committee was appointed, consisting of the Rev. Theodore Appel and John W. Hoffmeier and Elder Peter Stumbaugh, to prepare a minute on the subject. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee appointed to make a minute in regard to the U. S. Christian Commission, to which the attention of the Synod has been directed by Rev. D. Feete, respectfully report, the following action:

Resolved, That this Synod takes a deep interest in this work of Christian charity, and earnestly recommends it to the attention of our pastors and congregations, and further that an appeal be made to the churches by the editors of our papers, urging benevolent individuals in the churches to make liberal contributions for the purpose of sending our Church papers to said Christian Commission for the use of the army.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPLE, *Chairman.*

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have three

thousand copies of the Proceedings of this Synod, in the former Rubric Form, duly authenticated, published in the English, and two thousand copies in the German language.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be requested to send each minister in the Church, and also each lay delegate to this Synod, a copy of the Minutes of Synod as soon as they are published; and further, that, after supplying the different Boards of this Synod with the usual number of copies, the remainder be apportioned among the several Classes according to the rule adopted several years ago.

The following persons were chosen the Board of Publication for the current year: Rev. John Rebaugh, Frederick A. Rupley, Samuel Philips, and Thomas G. Apple, and Messrs. John Lambert, James Nill, Lyman S. Clark, Jacob Heyser and John Bowman.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The Classis of Lancaster, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested Synod to take up the subject of Compends and Paraphrases of the Catechism, and determine within what limits and under what conditions they may be admitted to lawful use in our congregations. This request was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Joseph H. Dubbs, Frederick Strassner and Elder Henry Ruby. The committee submitted their report, which was received, amended and then adopted. The report, as adopted, is as follows:

The Committee to which was referred a request of the Classis of Lancaster, concerning Catechisms, Compends and Paraphrases would respectfully beg leave to report the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That, while according to the Constitution, the Heidelberg Catechism *alone* can be used in Catechetical instruction, yet in Sunday Schools other books *may* be used, provided always that they harmonise with our Doctrinal symbol, and further, that the Heidelberg Catechism be brought into prominent use in all our Sunday Schools, and further, that for the purpose of eliciting more definite action on this subject, it be respectfully referred to the Triennial General Synod of Pittsburg, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. DUBBS, *Chairman*.

The Classis of New York, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, proposed to Synod a division of its territory into two Classes, the one to be called the Classis of New York, and the other, the Classis of Western New York, and asked

the Synod to sanction such division. In reference to this item, it was

Resolved, That the request of the Classis of New York be granted, and that the Classis of Western New York include all that part of the State of New York lying North and West of the counties of Delaware, Schoharie, Montgomery, Fulton, Warren, Essex and Clinton, and the Classis of New York, the remaining portion of the State of New York, together with the contiguous territory of New England States.

The Classis of Western New York was authorized to hold its first annual sessions according to the adjournment of the Classis of New York at its last annual meeting, and the Classis of New York was directed to meet in the city of New York, on the second Wednesday of December next, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of reorganization, the meeting to be presided over by the Rev. John F. Busche.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On the morning of the first day of the sessions, the Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh announced to Synod, that the *pastor loci*, the Rev. Samuel Philips, had received a telegraphic dispatch, stating that the death of the Rev. Dr. Elias Heiner, President and Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions, had taken place at his residence in Baltimore, on the evening of the 20th instant. He accompanied the announcement with some appropriate and touching remarks. Several other brethren also gave a brief expression of their feelings in regard to the solemn event. A committee was then appointed, consisting of the Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh, Joshua H. Derr and Elder John Coblentz, to prepare a minute on the subject.

This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted :

The committee appointed to report a minute on the death of the Rev. Dr. Heiner, respecfully present the following:

This Synod has heard with deep and sacred interest the announcement of the death of Rev. Elias Heiner, D. D. This event occured at the time when the representatives of the Church were about assembling in annual Synod. The vivid recollection of his presence among us in our Synodical sessions one year ago, the circumstance that his burial occurs during the sessions of the present Synod, together with the fact that he honorably and efficiently held, for twenty years, the office of President and Treasurer of Synod's Board of Foreign Missions, and was otherwise an honored and faithful minister of Jesus Christ, has given to the event in our minds increased solemnity. While we, therefore, bear grateful tes-

timony to his faithfulness as a minister, his courtesy and kindness as a Christian brother, his warm-hearted love for the Church to whose interests his talents and life have been devoted, we humbly acknowledge, that in the removal from us of our esteemed brother and fellow-laborer, we realize that our Lord and Master, has laid upon us additional responsibility, and that it is our solemn duty, by increased zeal and devotion, to take up and carry forward the work which he has laid down. Personally, and by this Synodical act, we shall perpetuate his memory, while we thank God, that, though death break the bonds which unite us in the earthly life, in Christ Jesus there are no separations, and rejoice in the continued and blessed 'communion of all the saints in which He giveth us also to have part.' To his bereaved wife and family, we extend our affectionate Christian sympathy, commending her for comfort in her deep affliction to God and the word of His grace. We also hereby instruct the Corresponding Secretary to communicate this action of Synod to the mourning family of our departed brother, and also to the congregation over which he has so long presided.

Respectfully submitted,

H. HARBAUGH, *Chairman.*

The Committee of Arrangements on the Tercentenary celebration, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee of Arrangements for the Tercentenary Jubilee respectfully report, that they have attended to the work continued in their hands. The contemplated Convention was held in Philadelphia, from Jan. 19th to 23rd, and was a complete success. The Essays read on that occasion have been published in a volume in all respects worthy of the occasion, entitled "TERCENTENARY MONUMENT;" in which will also be found a history of the Convention. The committee asks permission to retain the copyright of the work, and the contract with the Publishers in their hands, till all expenses and claims shall have been paid, in which is included reasonable remuneration to contributors and translators.

The reports of the Classes will show how the other feature of the commemoration has been carried out. We would call the attention of Synod to the fact, that one particular of the original plan presented by the committee: namely, that the present Synod ought to be a General Synod of the whole Church, was overlooked in the subsequent action of this body; and hence there has not been, as yet, any definite action passed directing how or when the Jubilee year shall be closed. The committee would suggest, that the Festal year be continued till Jan. 19th, 1864, and that Synod, at its present meeting, make all further arrangements that may be necessary to close it with such solemnities as the occasion demands, and as are

due especially toward the great Head of the Church, whose blessing has so manifestly rested upon all our undertakings during the memorable year.

The Committee would also report, that the Memorial volume has also been prepared in the German language, under the editorial care of Dr. P. Schaff, and will be published in the same style as the English, by Messrs. Kieffer & Co. As the committee of the German Memorial was not appointed by this Synod, but by the General Convention, it is thought proper to report this fact to Synod through this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

H. HARBAUGH, *Chairman.*

The above committee were appointed a committee to carry into effect the suggestion made in their report. This committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee of Arrangements of the Tercentenary Festival, whom Synod has instructed to report further arrangements for the continuance and close of the occasion, respectfully present the following for its action:

1. Owing to the fact, that a part of the year 1863 had already passed by when the great Tercentenary Convention was held, and a still larger portion of it when the Church held its congregational commemorations on Trinity Sunday, it was impossible for pastors to bring the matter of Free-will offerings before the people, sufficiently early to enable their members—and especially their infant members, many of whom have been led to contribute weekly in connection with the Sunday Schools—sufficiently early to allow them a year's time to complete their offerings, in case the Tercentenary year should close with the year 1863, or even with the 19th of Jan. 1864. It is, therefore, hereby directed, that the Festival year shall extend to Trinity Sunday, 1864.

2. It is directed, that the Classes shall provide that all the pastors have their lists of members, with their Free-will offerings, fully and finally reported at their annual meetings in the Spring. And such Classes (if any) as may have appointed their annual meetings later than Trinity Sunday, are directed to change their time of meeting, so as to meet before that day.

3. That this memorable year may be suitably and solemnly closed by the Church with due honor to the occasion, and the expression of appropriate public gratitude and praise to God for the signal blessing and favor which He has vouchsafed us in its commemoration, it is directed that a Convention be held on Trinity Sunday, 1864, at such place as shall hereafter be designated by the Committee of Arrangements, when the Jubilee shall be closed with such religious services as shall be concluded upon and arranged by the same committee.

4. The Committee of Arrangements are further instructed to prepare a report of the Free-will offerings of all the Classes, and present the same to be read before the Convention. To this end the officers of the Classes are instructed to furnish that committee with the necessary data as early as possible after their meetings have been held.

5. This Synod hereby appoints Daniel W. Gross, as Treasurer of that portion of the Tercentenary offerings, which has not been designated to any particular object by the donors, and report the same to the Convention to be held on Trinity Sunday, which funds shall, at a meeting of the Convention to be held for that purpose on Monday following Trinity Sunday, be disposed of according to the wisdom of the Convention, *provided* only that it shall all be used to constitute permanent endowments.

6. It was the original design of Synod that the Free-will offerings of the people made during the Tercentenary year should be devoted to the general interests of the Church in the way of permanent endowment (See Minutes of 1860), and it is hereby declared that this is still its sense and purpose; and since some feeble congregations, wishing to build new churches, congregations desiring to remove old church debts resting on them, and establishing or furthering other local enterprises, may be disposed to use the spirit of the occasion to enable them to secure these ends, Synod cannot regard such gifts as *properly* Tercentenary offerings; and the Classes are hereby instructed to note such gifts in such way as they may deem proper, so as to preserve the record of them in connection with the names of the donors; except only such as have already been contributed to the regular Boards, or to such missionary enterprises as are recognized and approved as such by the Church; but it is hereby recommended that all such congregations or the members thereof—in order that they also may be seen by posterity to stand in full sympathy with the general benevolent interests of the Church—that they all make some additional offerings for the general permanent fund, and the Classes are instructed further to preserve a separate honorable record of such gifts as are thus offered in the true orignal spirit and sense of the occasion.

7. This Tercentenary year has revealed the fact, that an unusual number of the wealthier members of the German Reformed Church, have been moved by the spirit of gratitude toward God to contribute in larger sums for the permanent endowment of our Institutions. A special invitation which has been extended for such gifts in favor of the College by means of an agent has met with a free and liberal response. Mindful of the fact, that liberal minded members may have, and often do have, preferences as to the objects to which they wish their gifts designated, it is believed that, were a similar invitation extended in favor of other benevolent enterprises of the Church,

it would be responded to by similar large and liberal donations. We, therefore, recommend to Synod to consider the propriety of designating some one or more suitable men who shall, between this and Trinity Sunday, present this subject to such as they might think disposed to respond in the way designated.

8. Whilst we would rejoice to greet our brethren of the Western Synod in the closing solemnities of our common Tercentenary Festival as at its beginning, yet as the distance of travel would make it inconvenient for delegates from the whole Church East and West to meet in one place, we respectfully invite them to meet us in spirit, and express the hope, that they may be able to hold a similar Convention at the same time, in the Western Synod. Should such be the case, we engage, not only to commune with them in the spirit of the occasion, but also by Telegraphic message during our Monday session.

9. Whereas, it is highly desirable that the proposed Tercentenary statistics be made complete, therefore

Resolved, That should it be found at the next regular meeting of the Classes, that the enrollment of the members, adult and infant, in any congregations or charges, has not been perfected, the Classes are hereby instructed to adopt some efficient measures to secure this desirable end as early as possible, and at furthest so as to report previous to the next annual meeting of Synod.

H. HARBAUGH, *Chairman.*

The appointment of the place for holding the closing services of the Tercentenary celebration, and the making of the necessary arrangements, were assigned to the Committee on the Tercentenary celebration.

The Rev. John Beck, David O. Shoemaker, and Elder E. J. Diehl, were appointed a committee to nominate to this Synod, suitable persons as Agents to carry out the particular objects referred to in the report of the Committee on the Tercentenary. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee appointed to nominate Agents, according to the recommendation of the Tercentenary committee, whose business it shall be to canvass the Church for the purpose of soliciting Tercentenary contributions in favor of the Theological Seminary and other benevolent institutions of our Church, would nominate the Rev. Joshua H. Derr, Rev. John Rebaugh and Rev. B. S. Schneck, D. D., as Agents to solicit the above named contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. BECK, *Chairman*,

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Tercentenary be instructed to make arrangements for the compensation of the

Agents, and authorized to fill such vacancies in the agencies as may occur.

Resolved, That all monies in the hands of congregational Treasurers, Committees, Treasurers of Classes, or others, contributed for one or the other of the "general objects of the Church," be paid over by said parties to the Treasurers of the fund for which the contributions are designed.

The Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh, the chairman of th Committee on the Tercentenary celebration, laid before Synod the original manuscripts of the Memorial Volume. It was ordered that they be transferred to the "Historical Society."

It was reported to Synod, that the instructions given at the last annual sessions in regard to the publication of the Tercentenary Tract in the English and German languages, were carried into effect.

The Chairman of the Committee appointed to prepare a Digest of the Proceedings of Synod reported, that, although the subject committed to them, has not been entirely lost sight of, yet for reasons assigned, nothing specific has been done in the matter. The Committee were instructed to go forward with the duty assigned them, as soon as possible, and authorized to call in such assistance as they may deem necessary to the successful prosecution of their work.

The Rev. Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart, by permission of Synod, made a few statements in regard to the Triglott edition of the Heidelberg Catechism, and the efforts to endow Franklin and Marshall College.

The Committee on Overtures, reported a respectful communication from a number of Elders, members of this Synod, in regard to the inadequate support of the Ministry. The communication was read, and then ordered to be incorporated in the Minutes. The communication reads as follows:

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church.

Dear Brethren:—We, a few elders, delegates of Synod, desire to direct the attention of your reverend body, to the subject of ministerial support, which we regard as especially calling for attention at this time. We are pained to see the apparent indifference, which many churches and charges evince in regard to this interest. Independently altogether of any Divine direction on the subject, the sense of reverence for sacred men and things, and gratitude to God for spiritual blessings secured to us through the ministry, should prompt to liberal devisings in reference to those who bear the ark of the Lord. Cut off by their holy calling from all other means of support, it becomes a most sacred duty of the Church to make ample provision for the temporal support of the ministry. Consider-

[illegible] the nature and results of their labor, we believe that clergymen are, of all other classes of men, most poorly remunerated. We regard this as a very damaging evil in the Church, at all times, and more especially at the present. Whilst the means of living have almost doubled in price, and whilst the pay of other classes of men have been correspondingly increased, we fail to find that the remuneration of our clergymen has been generally improved. There are a few generous exceptions to this remark, but generally the salaries remain as they were before the change in the times, and in some cases they have even been decreased. Without knowing minutely the condition of pastors in these circumstances, it is not difficult to conjecture that their minds must be greatly harassed and their efficiency seriously diminished. As the subject may be thought [illegible] delicacy on the part of pastors, we, the elders, desire to take it up and press it upon the attention of the Church, through this body. We are the more emboldened in this duty, as other denominations have felt the same evil and have acted to remove it.

We, [illegible] submit the following resolution for adoption by Synod:

[illegible] The several Classes be and hereby are requested to [illegible] of ministerial support, within their bounds, at [illegible] ascertain the facts in the case, and adopt [illegible] where it is necessary, be most likely to bring [illegible] corresponding with the increased price [illegible]

[illegible]	WM. SHULL.	WM. H. KNODE,
[illegible]	[illegible]	JNO. ERMENTROUT,
[illegible]	[illegible]	WM. D. GROSS.
[illegible]	[illegible]	P. STUMBAUGH,
[illegible]	H. C. HOOVER.	WM. HEYSER.
[illegible]	D. S. MAUGER.	

The following additional resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod appreciate the thoughtful anxiety of the petitioners in this matter, and that we believe the kind and generous end they have in view, could be better reached, if the recommendations were embodied by them in a circular, signed by all the elders of Synod, and addressed at once to the Consistories of the congregations, and we respectfully further suggest to them this course, in addition to that recommended.

The Committee on Overtures reported a communication from the daughter of the Rev. Benjamin Boyer, presenting the necessitous circumstances of her father, and soliciting aid from Synod. The communication was referred to a committee, consisting of the Rev. E. R. Eschbach, Nathaniel E. Bressler and Elder Samuel Odenwelder. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred the letter, setting forth the indigent circumstances of Father Boyer, now living in West Greenville, Mercer county, Pa., would respectfully submit the following report:

We are satisfied of the needy circumstances of this worthy father, and acknowledge his claims upon the charity of this Synod. Therefore, we recommend that a liberal collection be taken up by this Synod, for the speedy relief of this needy father, and further, that the Treasurer of St. Paul's Classis be made the almoner of this contribution. Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH, *Chairman.*

The same committee were appointed to take up the collection proposed in their report. They attended to the duty, and subsequently reported that they had realized $32.38.

The Committee on Overtures reported a communication from an Orphans' Institute, founded in the city of Philadelphia, by members of the German Reformed Church. It was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Wm. H. Groh, David B. Albright, and Elder William C. Seabrooks. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred the 10th item of the report of the Committee on Overtures, respectfully report:

The subject of establishing an Orphan Asylum in our Church, has claimed the attention both of the Synod and the Classes, and while all concurred as to its importance and desirableness, they could not as yet, in their organized capacities, see their way clear to give it any tangible, practical form.

This item, however, brings now to the notice of the Synod the fact, that such an institution has lately come into existence through the instrumentality of private enterprise, in Southwark, Philadelphia, which has, according to the representations of the papers placed into our hands, a right to claim to be German Reformed. German Reformed is its Board of Supervisors, as well as its Orphan house pastor; German Reformed are now, and shall be hereafter, its distinguishing principles; German Reformed are its standards; and the orphans of German Reformed parents shall be received in preference to all others. It shall be conducted on the basis of the family relation.

Children from six to thirteen years of age are preferred. Due attention shall be given to the religious and intellectual culture, the training in various industrial arts, and the preservation of the health of those who may be placed under its care. In a word, in accordance with the usual design of such institutions, they shall be brought up for the Church, for the Saviour, for heaven.

[illegible] "Das Waisenhaus zum Lämmerhirten." The [illegible] Rev. [illegible] Böhringer, who, in connection with Rev. [illegible] Kessler, [illegible] Sauerbein, and J. Külling, constitutes the Board of Supervision, under whose care are already twelve orphans. This enterprise is laid before Synod to be received and regarded with favor, and to be recommended to the prayers of the Church.

The Committee submit the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That this Synod does, with pleasure, recommend this enterprise to the favorable attention, benevolence and prayers of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. GROH, *Chairman.*

The following additional resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to prepare a report on the subject of Orphan Asylums, to be submitted to the General Synod about to meet in Pittsburg, Pa. The committee consists of Rev. George B. Russell, Benjamin Bausman, and Elder John Mealy.

The Committee on Nominations, submitted their report on the morning of the third day of the sessions. It was received and adopted. The election was ordered to take place on the afternoon of the fourth day of the sessions, at three o'clock, and the Stated Clerk instructed to have the necessary number of copies of the Nominations printed for the use of Synod. At the time appointed, the Synod proceeded to the election. Elders John Weist and John Ermentrout, were appointed tellers, who lifted the ballots and retired to count the votes. They subsequently reported the result of the election, as found recorded in their respective places.

Rev. John Beck, John K. Miller and Elder John Coblentz, were, on the morning of the sixth day of the sessions, appointed a Committee, to whom all applications for leave of absence are to be made before they are brought to the attention of Synod. This committee reported such applications as were made, from time to time.

On the morning of the sixth day of the sessions, the Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff, stated that he found it necessary to retire from Synod, and before doing so, wished to make some remarks. An opportunity was afforded him for this purpose, and he accordingly addressed the Synod in regard to the matters relating to himself, which were yet to be acted upon, and also in regard to some other important interests to be provided for,

to which the President of Synod returned a few appropriate words in reply.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report to Synod, on the question as to How it holds its Church property? with a view to have it brought to the attention of the General Synod for action.

The Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh, Samuel N. Callender, and Elder Daniel Helm, were appointed this committee. The committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee to whom was submitted the subject of suggesting to Synod a proper course of action, in regard to defining the sense of this Synod, as to How it holds its Church property? respectfully report:

That in view of the importance of the subject, and the fact that it concerns the whole Church, East and West, it is their opinion that the matter should be commended to the earnest consideration of the Triennial Synod to meet at Pittsburg in November; and this Synod, meanwhile, appoint a committee consisting of Rev. J. O. Miller, Hon. David Krause, Hon. J. W. Killinger, and Hon. John Cessna, to prepare a legal paper on this subject, and present it to the Triennial Synod, at Pittsburg, for its information and consideration. H. HARBAUGH, *Chairman.*

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That in view of the calamities which have befallen our beloved country, in the form of a bloody, civil war, and remembering the teachings of Christ and His apostles, as well as the example of our forefathers, in this country in the days of our struggle for Independence, we respectfully recommend to the Triennial General Synod, about to convene in Pittsburg, the propriety of issuing a general Pastoral Letter to the ministers and congregations of the German Reformed Church, giving them such Christian and fatherly counsel, as in its wisdom the circumstances of the case may seem to require.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the General Synod at Pittsburg be requested to take into consideration the propriety of the following measures:

1. The consolidation of the Theological Institutions of the Church into one—subject to the final action of the several Synods who control the Seminaries.

2. The establishment of at least two Tercentenary Professorships jointly for the Seminaries, and the appointment of one or more agents for the purpose.

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Rev. J. H. Derr, *Recording Sec*
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may be stated, that two aged ministers of the Church have, during this Tercentenary year, given, the one a bond for five hundred and the other a note for one hundred dollars, payable at their deaths, the amounts to be thereafter permanently invested for the use of the Society. This will soon raise the funds of the society to four thousand dollars. The Society has also been informed, from various sources, that other benevolent donors have designated their Tercentenary gifts for the increase of the Society's permanent fund. Several notes have also been drawn in favor of the Society and deposited with a responsible person, which will soon be due, and will amount together to $250. This amount is to be devoted to the current appropriations of the Society.

HOW THE USEFULNESS OF THE SOCIETY CAN BE EXTENDED

Ministers, by securing membership in the Society, cannot only provide for themselves and theirs against a time of need, but materially increase the usefulness of the Society in other directions. Congregations or charges should secure a membership in the Society for their pastors. The objects of the Society also appeal to the benevolence of congregations and wealthy persons throughout the Church. These all can confer unspeakable blessings upon our toil-worn and aged ministers and their desolate widows and fatherless children, by donations to the permanent fund of the Society, or by contributions to be used in the annual appropriations.

Respectfully submitted,

J. REBAUGH, *President.*

J. H. DERR, *Recording Secretary.*

ARTICLE XXII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod will long remember the kind and Christian reception and courtesy given them by the pastor and members of the German Reformed congregation, and other citizens of Carlisle, at its annual sessions amongst them, and pray that the promises that are recorded in God's word to them, who are given to hospitality, may be happily realized by them, and that the pastor be requested to read this resolution to his people, and also to request its publication in the papers of the place.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be requested to tender the thanks of the members of this Synod convened at Carlisle, Pa., to the Superintendents and Officers of the Cumberland Valley, Pennsylvania Central, East Pennsylvania, Northern Central, Philadelphia and Reading, and Lebanon Valley Railroads, for permitting them to travel over their respective roads at reduced fare.

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[illegible] and the following persons were found [illegible] Rev. J. Henry Dubbs and Elder [illegible]

The following [illegible] was then adopted:

[illegible] the above named [illegible] of her rules of order, [illegible] Classes be called to [illegible] of Synod at her [illegible] Classes, to elect only such [illegible] Synod until the close of her [illegible]

The [illegible] adopted and ordered to be [illegible]

ARTICLE XXVI

ADJOURNMENT.

[illegible] That we adjourn to meet in the First Church in [illegible] Wednesday in October, 1864, at [illegible]

[illegible] singing, repeating the Creed [illegible] the Apostolic Benediction [illegible]

[illegible] M'CAULEY, *President.*

[illegible] FISHER, [illegible]

[illegible] Minutes.

[illegible] FISHER, *Stated Clerk.*

CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

Ministers.	Con.	Charges.	Me.	U. M	Bap.	Con.	Cer.	Com	Exc.	Dis.	Den.	S. S.	No. of S.	Ben. Con.	Post Office Addresses.
Joseph S. Dubbs,	5	Egypt, &c.,	1420	820	164	108		1410			71	10		$90.00	N. White Hall, Lehigh co., Pa.
John Zülich,	6	Jacobs, &c.,	1215	918	145	34		810			60	15			Steinsville, do do
William A. Helfrich,	8	Ziegel, &c.,	1563	1530	141	67	6	2106			50	9		$118.25	Fogelsville, do do
J. S. Herman,	8	Kutztown, &c.,	1565	1625	176	100	6	1478			60	16		$50.90	Kutztown, Berks county, do
Charles Becker,	6	Chesnut Hill, &c.,	550	425	110	60		400				6			Fennersville, Monroe co., do
C. G. Eichenberg, (Sus.)	6	Weisport, &c.,	600	400	150	30		300			50	12	325		Weisport, Carbon, co., do
Cyrus J. Becker,	3	Catasauqua, &c.,	550	600	79	8		400			20	5		$50.00	Catasauqua, Lehigh co., do
Alfred J. Herman,	8	Zion, &c.,	950	420	160	50		900			80	15		$22.00	Maxatawny, Berks co., do
Daniel F. Brendel,	5	Farmersville,	576	800	77	24		480		1	26	6		$119.67	Bethlehem, Northamp. co. do
Isaac K. Loos,	3	Mt. Bethel,	700	680	68	50	2	420		3	14	9	540	$102.00	Richmond, do do do
John Beck,	1	Easton,	600	450	59	13	4	500		5	19	2	392	$350.39	Easton, do do do
Joshua H. Derr,	3	Allentown, &.,	500	345	25	29		320			17	4	420	$142.60	Allentown, Lehigh, do do
Levi K. Derr,	3	Tamaqua, &c.,	470	450	64	9		370		2	33	2		$126.00	Tamaqua, Schuylkill, do do
Daniel Y. Heisler,	3	Bethlehem, &c.,	750	700	52	36	8	590			26	3		$644.49	Bethlehem, Northamp. co. do
E. W. Reinecke,	3	Plainfield, &c.,	900	800	80	60		650			44			$124.00	Nazareth, do do do
F. Strassner,	4	Wilkesbarre, &c.,	250	100	26	14	20	200		17	12	4			Wilksbarre, Luzerne do do
John Gantenbein,	6	Kreidersville,	1260	1200	60	58		985			52	6		$28.00	Kreidersville, Northa. co., do
John W. Lescher,		Teacher,													Bloomsburg, Columbia co do
W. R. Hofford,	2	Lower Saucon,	400	380	25	25		350				2			Allentown, Lehigh co., do
George B. Dechant,	3	Hamilton,	240	175	21	14		150			12	3		$42.00	Fennersville, Monroe co., do
Abraham Bartholomew,	1	St. Pauls,	50	40	5	15		46			3	1		$10.31	Newhart, P. O., do do do
J. F. Jahnsen,	1	Oxford Furnace,	100	110	15	8	4	62			7				Oxford Furnace, N. J.
N. S. Strassburger,	1	Allentown,	310	300	69	36	5	310		2	61	1	410		Allentown, Lehigh co., Pa.
Robert Lisberger,		As. to J. S. Herman,													Kutztown, Berks co., do
Paul Wald,		Miss. in Goldsboro',													Allentown, do
John Sykes,		Licentiate.													Allentown, Lehigh co., do
Vacant,	1	Old Williams,	90	90	22	9		73			6	1			

CLASSIS OF LEBANON.

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CLASSIS OF ZION.

Ministers.	Cong's	Charges.	Mem.	U. M.	Bapt.	Con.	Cert.	Comm.	Dis.	Excom.	Deaths	S. S.	P. S. S.	Benev.	Post Office Addresses.	
Daniel Ziegler,	3	Creutz Creek,	400					325				4			York,	Pa.
Jacob Sechler,	4	Littlestown,	500	300	48	33	1	465	2		29	3		$130 00	Littlestown, Adams co.,	"
Fred'k W. Vandersloot,	4	Windsor,	300	250	41	46	2	260	2		18	4	300	30 00	York,	"
Daniel Riegel,	5	Dillsburg,	350	200				347							Dillsburg,	"
George Leidy,		Without charge,													Carlisle,	"
Jacob Zeigler,	4	Conowago,	331	250	24	37	4	317			34	4	150	70 00	Gettysburg,	"
Wm. C. Bennet		Without charge,													Boiling Springs, Cumb'd co.,	"
D. W. Kelley,	6	Bloomfield,	375	229				280				5			Bloomfield, Perry co.,	"
David Bossler,	5	Liverpool,	138		21	7		138			16	5		21 93	York,	"
W. F. P. Davis,	5	Abbottstown,	550	400				525							New Oxford, Adams co.,	"
Jacob O. Miller,	1	York (English),	450					445							York,	"
Daniel Gring,	6	Shrewsbury,	480	325	47	22		426			16	6	325	135 00	Shrewsbury, York co.,	"
Julius Kurtz,	4	Emanuels,	500					490							Hanover, "	"
Theo. P. Bucher,	3	Gettysburg,	558	242	49	23	16	558	4	2	42	3	248	611 00	Dayton,	Ohio.
Wm M. Reily,		Tutor in Theo. Seminary,													Mercersburg,	Pa.
Wm. K. Zieber,	3	Hanover,	620	500	48	18	2	500	1		27	5	300	193 20	Hanover, York, co.,	"
Jeremiah M. Mickley,		Without charge,													Cashtown, Adams co.,	"
John Ault,	5	Mechanicsburg,	150	175				110				4	100		Mechanicsburg,	"
Geo. E. Addams,	3	Sulpher Spring,	207	144	19	10	2	168	3		16	7	150	35 00	Carlisle,	"
Henry Mosser,	4	Landisburg,	391	65	38	37	11	330	5		19	4	140	83 41	Landisburg, Perry co ,	"
Samuel Philips,	1	Carlisle,	357	290	32	28	19	282	4	2	7	1	232	250 00	Carlisle,	"
Jacob Kehm,	4	Paradise.*	750	550				580				7			York,	"
David E. Klopp,	2	Zions,	315					271							Blain, Perry co,,	"
Wm. K. Zieber, supply,	2	Bartholomews,	37					37								
Wm. C. Bennet, "	3	Chestnut Grove,	45					45								
W. A. Gring,		Licentiate,													Shrewsbury, York, co.,	"

CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

Ministers.	Congre	Congregations or Charges.	Mem.	U. M.	Bapt.	Confir.	Certi.	Comm.	Dism.	Excom	Death.	S. Sch	Pof SS	Bene. Cont.	Post Office Addresses.
Elias Heiner, D. D.	1	First church, Baltimore,	310	250	12	8		310	2		15	2	200	$150,00	Baltimore, Md.
E. R. Eschbach, Assist.		do do do													do do
Vacant,	1	Second do do													do do
John S. Foulk,	1	Third do do	242	183	15	4	9	201	4		6	1	208	70.00	do do
John Külling,	1	Fourth do do	470	300	155	43	40	480	21		62	1	60	41.00	do do
Daniel Zacharias, D. D.,	1	Frederick city,	483		73	10		483	1		76	2	350	300.00	Frederick city, do
Frederick A. Rupley,	1	Middletown,	410	380	40	30		370	9		21	4	250	73.00	Middletown, Fred'k. co., do
William F. Colliflower,	3	Jefferson charge,	309	266	21	4	2	310			12	3	150	45.57	Jefferson, do do do
Joseph W. Santee,	4	Cavetown do	395	175	59	19	1	385			17	3	140	65.00	Cavetown, Wash. do do
John G. Fritchey,	5	Taneytown do	375	200	45	26	4	350	2		12	5	170	52.00	Taneytown, Carroll do do
John H. Wagner,	2	Hagerstown do	290	220	22	16	4	260			15	2	200	152.90	Hagerstown, Wash. do do
Mortimer L. Shuford,	3	Mt. Moriah do	123	87	12		2	114			10	1	150		Boonsboro', do do do
John W. Hoffmeier,	6	Manchester do	645		59	35		535			25	3		50.00	Manchester, Carroll do do
Jesse Steiner,	4	Glade do	451	438	25	9		415			2	3	350	30.00	Walkersville Fred'k. do do
John M. Titzel,	2	Emmittsburg charge	283	212	13	10	3	242			8	2	30	30.44	Emmittsburg, do do do
Moses A. Stewart,	1	Burkittsville do	101	62	8	3	2	100	1		10	1	45	10.00	Burkittsville, do do do
Henry Wisler,		Without charge,													Manchester, Carroll do do
Henry I. Comfort,	4	Mechanicstown charge,	265	220	23	11	2	217	2		15	2	123	43.00	Mechanicst'n, Fre'k. do do
Vacant,	2	Boonsboro' do	140					100				1	40		Boonsboro', Wash. do do
	2	Clearspring do*	150	100	14	6		125	1		7	1		41.00	Clearspring, do do do
B. Schneider, D. D.,		Foreign Missionary,													Aintab Syria,
William Ida,	1	Fifth church, Baltimore,	500		109			350			76				Baltimore, Md.
	1	2nd church, Hagerstown,†	144		3			135			3	1			Hagerstown, do
	1	St. John's church Frederick,													Frederick city, do
	1	Silver Run charge,‡	365		35			265			26	2		30.28	

Without charge:—Emanuel T. C. Boehringer, Philadelphia, Pa.; John A. Peters, Licentiate, Mt. Pleasant, Westm'd. co., Pa.; Robert Douglas, without charge, Shepherdstown, Va.; William H. Zimmerman, Without charge, Frederick city, Md.; George L. Staley, Without charge, Mt. Wash., Balt. co., Md.; J. B. Poerner, Chap. U. S. Chris. Com., Baltimore city, Peter A. Schwartz.

* Supplied by Rev. J. Rebaugh. ‡ Supplied by Rev. J. Sechler. † Geo. Seibert.

CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

Ministers.	Congre.	Congregations or Charges.	Members	U. Mem.	Baptiz'd.	Confirm.	Certifie.	Commu.	Excom.	Dismiss.	Deaths.	Sab. Sch.	Post Office Addresses.	
John C. Hensel,	5	Rockingham,	257					200				4	Mt. Crawford,	Va
Daniel Feete,	3	Woodstock,	190					190				5	Philadelphia,	Pa.
Daniel G. Bragonier,	2	Martinsburg,	137					137				1	Edensburg,	Va.
George H. Martin,	1	Loudon,	110					110				1	Lovettsville,	do
Henry St. John Rinker,	4	Mill Creek,	255					255				3	Hamburg,	do
John H. Crawford,	3	Middlebrook,	158					158				1	Middlebrook,	do
	2	Central,	43					43				1		
	2	Shepherdstown and Winchester,	145					135				2	Mechanicsburg,	do
	1	Martinsburg, (German,)	112					112				1	Hagerstown, Md.,	
Vacant,	1	Pendleton,												
do	1	Central,												

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Ministers.	Congr.	Congregations or Charges.	Mem.	U. Me.	Bapt.	Confir.	Certifi.	Comm.	Excom	Dismi.	Deaths	S. Sch.	Post Office Addresses.	
George Boger,		No charge,											Klutt's Tanyard,	N. C.
John Lantz,	3	Newton,	157					157					Newton,	do
	2	Lincolnton,	154					154						
G. William Welker,	3	Guilford,	305					305					Brick church,	do
Jeremiah Ingold,	3	Catawba,	99					99					Lincolnton,	
Thornton Butler,	3	East Rowan,	280					280					Gold Hill,	do
	5	West Rowan,	262					262					Eufaula,	do
P. Allison Long,	8	Davidson,	312					312					Midway,	do

Vacant: Newton; Friendship 14 members; Stoner's 40 members.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Ministers.	Congr.	Charges.	Mem.	U. Me.	Bapti.	Confir.	Certifi.	Comm.	Excom	Dismi.	Deaths	S. Sc.	S. S. S.	Benev. Con't.	Post Office Addresses.
Samuel Helffenstein, D. D.,		Superann ated,													Gwynedd, Montg'y. co.. Pa.
J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D.,	1	Race Street,	344		15	14	12	300		3	8	4	657	$4140.05	No. 439 N. 4th St., Phil'a. do
Nicholas Gehr,	1	Zion's,	598		192	42	30	598		19	68	1	275	175.47	No. 1280 N 6th St., do do
J. G. Wiehle,	1	Salem,	1800		365	83	119	1331			125	3	490	355.75	No. 530 St. John St., do do
S. G. Wagner,	1	Boehm's,	254	58	7	8	1	175			1	1		44.17	Blue Bell, Montg'y county, do
Jesse B. Knipe,	3	Pikeland,	150			13	1	150				4		225.00	Chester Springs, Chest. do do
Alfred B. Shenkle,	3	Trappe,	522		13	21		374			28	3	230	112.00	Trappe, Montgomery, do do
William Sorber,	3	Brownbacks,	310		19	15	2	310			9	6		26.50	Nincent, Chester do do
N. S. Aller,	2	Pleasantville,	135					135				1			Pleasantville, Bucks do do
William G. Hackman,	1	Wentz,	230		15			165			4	1	100	16.00	Kulpsville, Montg'y. do do
P. Seibert Davis,	1	Church of the Ascen.	140		10	6	4	120		1	3	1	120		Norristown, do do do
Samuel. H. Giesy,	1	Christ Church,	90	50	4	2	16	86		4	2	1	100	39.00	No 2043 Wallace St. Phil'a do
J. G Neuber,	1	Bethlehem's,	251	352	91	22	72	251			24	2		180.00	No. 1393 Howard St, do. do
Jacob Dahlman,	1	Emanuel's,	79	94	31	2	35	68			4	1	100	109.63	Box No. 800, do do
J. P. Pfister,	1	Zion's,	75		12	15		60		2	2	1	70	5.00	Egg Harbor city, N. J.,
Jacob Dahlman, Sen.,	1	Bethlehem's,	64					64				1	54	2.55	Glasboro', Gloucester co. N.J.
Jesse B. Knipe, supply,	1	St. Vincent,	122			12		122			2	1			
S. G. Wagner, do	1	White Marsh,	132	31	7	13	1	101			4	1		9.52	
N. S. Aller, do	1	St. Peter's,	61					61				1			
A. B. Shenkle, do	1	Phoenixville,	70			13		55			2	1	200	5.20	
J. G. Neuber, do	1	Bridesburg,	75	106	12	2		75			7	1		4.80	
Samuel Helffenstein, Jr.,		Without Charge,													Blue Bell, Montg'y. co., Pa.
John S. Ermentrout,		do do													Reading, do
Charles Lukens,		do do													Frankford, do
E. M. Long.		do do													Norristown, do
George D. Wolff,		do do													do do

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

Ministers.	Con.	Charges.	Me.	U.M	Bap.	Con.	Cer.	Com	Dis.	Exc.	Dea.	S.Sc	S. S.	Ben. Con.	Post Office Addresses.
Philip Schaff, D. D.,		Prof. in Theolog. Seminary.													No. 5 Bible House, New York,
Bernard C. Wolff, D. D.,		do do do													Mercersburg, Franklin co., Pa.
Samuel R. Fisher, D. D.,		Ed. of Ger. Ref. Messenger,													Chambersburg, do do do
Benj. S. Schneck, D.D.,		Editor of Kirchenzeitung,													do do do do
John Rebaugh,	1	Middleburg charge,	90	125	12	6	2	75	3		12	1		$18.00	Greencastle, do do do
Theobald Fouse,	5	Woodcock Valley do	519	695	68	28	7	500	2		13	4	250	65.00	James' Creek, Hunt. do do
Henry Heckerman,	3	Bedford do	270	230	34	7	1	265	3	1	5	2	90	67.33	Bedford, Bedford do do
Jacob Hassler,	1	Shippensburg do	168	104	4	5	1	120			5	1	100	36.94	Shippensburg, Cumb. do do
Wm. M. Deatrick,	3	Friend's Cove, do	320	270	11	28	6	290	2		11	3	150	78.50	Charlesville, Bedford do do
Samuel H. Reid,	3	Huntingdon do	289	366	29	11	7	289			3	4	150	20.00	Huntingdon, Hunt. do do
Nicholas E. Gilds,	5	St. Clairsville do	475	450	48	38		420	9		16	3	175	30.00	St. Clairsville, Bedford do do
Charles F. Hoffmeier,	3	McConnellsburg do	125	90	14	14	6	115			5	3	175	13.40	McConnellsburg, Fulton do do
Isaac G. Brown,	2	Mercersburg do	241	195	18	7	9	235	4		4	2	75	50,00	Mercersburg, Franklin do do
Thomas G. Apple,	2	Greencastle do	349	340	18	6	7	260	3		20	2			Greencastle, do do do
Benjamin Bausman,	1	Chambersburg do	330		30	18	15	275	9		8	1	326	808.00	Reading, do
Wm. R. H. Deatrich,	4	Grindstone Hill do	280	284	31	18	4	260	7		21	4	127	32.00	Fayetteville, Franklin do do
Walter E. Krebs,	3	Waynesboro' do	270	225	8		11	240	5		20	1	128	85.00	Waynesboro, do do do
John W. Love,	3	Waterstreet do	254	268	20	13	3	240	2		5	2	126	26.00	Alexandria, Huntingdon do do
Abner R. Kremer,	3	Yellow Creek do	170	230	12		5	160	2		12	2	100	63.50	Pattonsville, Bedford, do do
Richard P. Thomas,	2	Loudon & St. Thomas charge	285	224	2	12	2	225	3		8	2			Loudon, Franklin do do
George Seibert, D. Ph.,	1	Second church of Chamb'g	73	106								1			Newark, N. J.
Nehemiah H. Skyles,	3	Schellsburg charge,	306	240								1			Schellsburg, Bedford do Pa.
A. C. Whitmer,	3	Martinsburg do	196	180	23	12	4	182			6	1	60	29.00	Martinsburg, Blair do do
E. B. Wilson,	4	Strasburg, do	170	160	20	13	3	125			4	3	150		Upper Strasburg, do
Cyrus Cort,		Altoona Mission,	45	40	16	5		38	1		3				Altoona, Blain do do

Without Charge: Frederick A. Scholl, *Superannuated*, Greencastle, Pa.; W. D. C. Rodrock, Chap. in the U. S. Army; G. R. Zacharias, U. Strasburg, Pa.; G. W. Glessner, Shippensb'g., Pa.; J. S. Loose, Greencastle, Pa.; J. Mayer, Lock Haven, Pa.; A. S. Vaughan, Mt. Washington, Md.; *Licentiates*, C. B. Wolff, Johnstown, Pa.; J. May, New Enterprise, Pa.; J. B. Kerschner, Germany.

CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

Ministers.	Congrega.	Charges.	Members.	Unc. Mem.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi.	Deaths.	Excommuni.	S. Schools.	S. Scholars.	Post Office Addresses.
Daniel Zeller,		Superannuated,											Allentown, Lehigh co., Pa.
John S. Kessler, D. D.,	3	Upper Milford, &c.,	169		24	17		110	8		4		do do do
Daniel Weiser,	2	New Goshenhoppen, &c.,	1100	1300	68	55		1000	39		4	600	Pennsburg, Montg'y. co. do
C. Z. Weiser,		Assistant,											do do do do
P. S. Fisher,	5	Tohickon, &c.,	1150		88	66		972	71		15		Sellersville, Bucks. do do
Samuel Hess,	6	St. Paul's, Jerusalem, &c.,	950		107	49		832	86		7		Hellerstown, Northa. do do
L. C. Herman,		Without charge,											New Hanover, Montg. do do
W. R. Yearick,	2	Doylestown, &c.,											Line Lexington, Bucks do do
G. W. Aughinbaugh,	2	Riegelsville charge,	122	80	12	13	2	118	6		2		Reigelsville, Bucks do do
J. Henry Dubbs,	4	Pottstown, &c.,	775	700	91	38	1	650	62		8	650	Pottstown, Montg'y do do
A. L. Dechant,	5	Old Goshenhoppen charge	540	650	67	26		490	48		6		Frederick, do do do
A. J. G. Dubbs,	5	Saucon charge,	900	800	120	33		675	48		9		Allentown, Lehigh do do
D. Rothrock,	4	Durham charge,	760	685	69	35		605	40		8		Bucksville, Bucks do do
R. A. Van Court,	5	Falkoner Swamp,	1000	1100	75	57	3	800	56		6		New Hanover, Montg. do do
P. P. A. Hoffman,	3	Friedensburg charge,	240	350	26	38		191	12		4		Oley, Berks do do
W. G. Engle,	1	Zion's Church,	50		1			30					Boyerstown, Berks do do
Vacant,	1	New Hilltown, (Rev. Aller sup.)	60					60	5				
"	1	Baumstown,	50										
"	1	Towamencin,*											

*Supplied by Rev. Hackman.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

Ministers.	Congrega.	Charges.	Members.	Un. Mem.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi.	Excommu.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	No. of Scho's.	Benevolent Contribu.	Post Office Addresses.
J. F. Busche,	1	New York,	200		97	18		200				1	140		New York, Station B. N.Y.
L. B. Schwartz,	1	Boston,	550									1	130		Boston, Massachusetts,
J. B. Kniest,	1	Buffalo,	300		83		7	300			11	1			Buffalo, N. Y.
D. Willers,	3	Fayette,	153		38			158			14	2	60		Fayette, Seneca county, do
T. Grosshüsch,	1	Rochester,	91		25	5	2	84			7	1	60		Rochester, do
O. J. Lohr,	2	Elizabeth,	136		26	9	3	136		12	1	2	130		Elizabeth, N. J.
A. Schröder,	1	Bridgeport,	66		19	3		54			9	1			Bridgeport, Conn.
H. Bentz,	2	Tonawanda,	350		60	30		300			5	2	100	$50,00	Getzville, Erie county, N. Y.
H. M. K. Stroes,	1	New Clymer,	32		7			38			5	1	14		New Clymer, Chataqueco., do
A. C. Höhing,	1	New Brunswick,	101	105	55	9		117			7	1	73		New Brunswick, N. J.
E. Erb,	1	Dansville,													Danville, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

Ministers.	Congrega.	Charges.	Members.	Unc. Mem.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi.	Excommu.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Benevo. Contri.	Post Office Addresses.
Albert Helffenstein, Sen.,		Without charge,												Shamokin, Pa.
Isaac Gerhart,		Missionary,	40		2			40					$3.00	Lancaster City, do
Albert Helffenstein, Jr.,		Without charge,												Maytown, Lancaster county, do
Daniel Hertz,	7	Ephrata,	370	180	68	20		325	1		32	3	20.00	Ephrata do do do
Isaac S. Demund,	1	Second Reformed church,	180		7	7	2	175			2	1	45.00	Lancaster City, do do do
William T. Gerhart,	6	Supply	253		27	21		115			22	6		do do do do
John Naille,	3	Elizabethtown,	175	110	14	6		114			18	2	11.00	Elizabethtown, do do do
John W. Nevin, D. D.,		Prof. in F. and M. College,												Lancaster City, do do do
John G. Wolff,	1	Maytown,	33		8	1		24			2	1		do do do do
Amos H. Kremer,	1	First Reformed church,	430	365	33	35	13	335		7	29	1	200.00	do do do do
Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D.,		President F. & M. College,												do do do do
Theodore Appel,		Prof. in F. and M. College,												do do do do
Thomas C. Porter,		do do do												do do do do
Daniel Gans,	1	Salem church,	241		4		2	194			3	2		Harrisburg, Dauphin do do
Isaac E. Graeff,	3	Millersville,	215		15	5		147		1		3	24.79	Lancaster City, Lan. county, do
Martin A. Smith,	5	Hummelstown,	310	300	21	16		240			11	6	70.46	Hummelstown, Dauphin co., do
John V. Eckert,	3	New Providence,	230		14	8		206		1	5	4	34.00	New Providence, Lan. county, do
Frederick A. Gast,	1	New Holland,	100		12	4		70			6	1	21.61	New Holland, do do do
George Kurtzman,	1	Middletown,	49		28		5	80		3	8	1		Harrisburg, Dauphin county, do
														Millersville, do do do
	1	Columbia congregation,*	41		7			20			1	1		Columbia, do do do

* Supplied by Rev. Prof. T. Appel and John G. Wolff.

CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

Ministers.	Congrega.	Congregation or Charges	Members.	Un. Memb.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communt.	Excommu.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch.	Benevolent Contribu.	Post Office Addresses.
Isaac Shellhammer,	5	Union,	290	475	79	23		157			46			$15.00	Black Creek, Luzerne co. Pa.
Rudolph Dünger,	1	Ashland,	290	210	43	19		284			18				Ashland, Schuylkill do do
William Goodrich,	6	Bloomsburg,	500	400	30	25	3	450		8	18	5	350	67.60	Orangeville, Colu'a. do do
Nathaniel E. Bressler,	6	Armstrong Valley,	425	450	70	21		300			40	4			Fishersville, Dauphin do do
Albert G. Dole,	1	Milton,	167	100	13	7	8	160		7	6	1	130		Milton, Northuml'd. do do
Jared Fritzinger,	8	Mahony,	530	430	76	26		420			39	9		75.00	Greenbrier, do do do
Henry Hoffman,	7	Conyngham,	350	300	64	54		315			22	5	250	31.00	Conyngham, Luzerne do do
D. B. Albright,	2	Paradise,	425	350	21	32	3	330		4	5	3	200	100.00	Limestoneville, Mont'r do do
John W. Steinmetz,	3	Danville,	170	120	23	26	15	150			5	2	125	65.00	Danville, do do do
Ephraim Kieffer,	8	Lykens Valley,	550	600	85	17		480		1	32	8			Millersburg, Dauphin do do
C. A. Rittenhouse,	3	Mount Zion,	325	300	26	20	6	234		2	16	2	154		Turbutville, North'd. do do
Henry S. Bassler,	4	Berrysburg,	320	325	135	20	3	275		1	30	4	120		Millersburg Dauphin, do do
Isaac Steely	8	Mahontongo,	560	500	139	23		305			74	3			Rough & Ready, Schy'l. co. do
W. C. Cremer,	5	Sunbury,	480	360	40		1	350		5	6	1			Sunbury, Northuml'd. do do
H. Losch, (supply),	4	Shamokin,	260	225	23			145		3	15	3			Hazleton, Luzerne do do
L. Cort.															Quakertown, Bucks do do
S. Gutelius, (supply),	1	Tremont,													Berrysburg, Dauphin do do
S. Transue, *Licentiate*,		Ass. to Wm. Goodrich,													Shickshinny, Luzerne do do
D. P. Diehl, *Licentiate*,		Without charge,													Danville, Montour do do

CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

Ministers.	Congrega.	Congregat'ns or Charges.	Members	Unc. Mem.	Baptisms.	Confirma.	Certificate.	Communi.	Dismissed.	Excommu.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch.	Benefici. Contibu.	Post Office Addresses.
Jonathan Zeller,		Without charge,													Lock Haven, Clinton co., Pa,
Daniel S. Tobias,	5	Rebersburg,	248	218	24	28		201			7	14			Rebersburg, Centre do do
Adolph B. Caspar,	3	Middle Creek,	100		20			95			12	3			New Berlin, Union do do
Henry Wiegandt,	7	Nippanose,	424		2	24		407	6	3	9	4			White Deer, Lycom'g do do
Franklin J. Mohr,	5	Williamsport,	266		59	1	10	210	12		25	2	100		Williamsport, do do do
David G. Klein,	5	Bellefonte,	220	200	20	6	3	147	5		4	4	100	$67.50	Bellefonte, Centre do do
John C. Bucher,		Without charge,													Mifflinburg, Union do do
William H. Groh,	5	Boalsburg	475	395	33	14	5	325	9		15	7		225.13	Boalsburg, Centre do do
Charles H. Leinbach,	2	Lewisburg,	420	300	34	35	18	350	8		18	2	220	68.61	Lewisburg, Union do do
Henry C. Heyser,	6	Liverpool,	187		23	18		187			11	6		20 12	Richfield, Juniata do do
Israel S. Weisz,	4	Mifflinburg,	510	450	39	23	13	482	8		21	6	300	100.00	Mifflinburg, Union do do
John K. Millet,	4	Nittany	204	198	28	13	8	196	2		2	5	160	75.50	Walker, Centre do do
Aaron R. Hottenstein,	4	Selinsgrove,	295	300	20	23	2	275	6	1	15	5		24.52	Selinsgrove, Snyder do do
Samuel Kuhn,	5	Aaronsburg,	346	275	6			193			4	5		20.35	Aaronsburg, Centre do do
Lamuel C. Edmonds,	6	Adamsburg,	400	100				400							Adamsburg, Snyder do do
Vacant congregations,															
A. G. Dole, (supply),	1	Union,	100		6	8		80			2	1			
A. R. Hottenstein,	1	Crotzersville,	75	100	2			75			2				
L. C. Edmonds,	1	Middleburg,	20	20				20							
A Committee,	1	St. Peters,													
A Committee,	2	Liberty Valley,													

CLASSIS OF CLARION.

Ministers.	Congr.	Congregations or Charges.	Mem.	U. Me.	Bapt.	Confir.	Certifi.	Comm.	Excom	Dismi	Death.	S. Sch.	S. S. S.	Bene. Contr.	Post Office Addresses.
C. A. Limberg,	4	Luthersburg,	316	267	55	16		246			17	3	290	$73.86	Troutville, Clearfi'd co. Pa.
F. Wise,	2	South Bend,	235	160	25		2	200		1	13	2	150	39.04	South Bend, Arm. do do
J. G. Shoemaker,	4	Curlsville,	255	232	20	28	7	200			25	4	200	74 21	Curlsville, Clarion do do
J. S. Shade,	5	Petersburg,	489	482	53	11		385			40	4	200	45.06	Lamertine, do do do
H. Daniel,	4	Redbank,	225	168	22	2		175			7			10.50	Kerr's Store, do do do
S. H. Apple,	1	Rimersburg,	68	86	12			50			3	1	40	9.31	Rimersburg, do do do
C. R. Dieffenbacher,	3	Kittanning,	270	221	41	27		220			12	3	145	58.69	Rural Village, Arm. co. do
E. D. Shoemaker,		Without charge,													McConnelsb'g, Fult. co. do

CLASSIS OF ST. PAUL.

Ministers.	Con.	Congregations or Charges.	Me.	Bap.	Con.	Cer.	Com	Dis.	Dea.	S. S.	S S S	Ben. Con.	Post Office Addresses.
D. B. Ernst.	4	Saegertown,	263	23	22	3	249	2	6			$33.09	Saegert'n, Craw'd. co. Pa.
H. F. Hartman,	4	West Greenville,	400	30	6	7	390	4	17	5	300	60.00	W. Greenville, Mer. do do
L. D. Leberman,	2	Meadville,	380	108	30		301		19	2	160		Meadville, Mercer do do
F. W. Dechant,	3	Harmony,	256	23			178		5	2	97		Harmony, Butler do do
D. O. Shoemaker,	2	Fairview,	305	41	32	2	279		5	2	100	39.43	Adams P. O. Arm'g do do
L. J. Mayer,	2	Clarksville,	269	36	19		250		4	1	200	7.00	W. Greenville, Mer. do do
do do (supply,)	1	Hartztown,	30			1	30	2		2	150	3.00	do do do do
Abner Dale,	2	Mercer,	100	9	8	4	90	2	5	1	40		London, Mercer do do
Casper Scheel,	1	Rochester mission,	21				21						Rochester, Beaver do do
G. B. Russell,	1	Allegheny city,	32	20	27	5	32			1	90	185.00	Allegheny city. do
Vacant,		Decker Run mission,											
S. N. Callender,		Without charge,											Meadville, Craw'd. do do
Ph. Zeiser,		do do											Hamburg, Mercer. do do
B. Boyer,		Superannuated,											W. Greenville do do do

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Classes.	Ministers.	Congs.	Mems.	Uncon. Mems.	Bapt.	Confr.	Certifs.	Comm.	Excom	Dismis	Deaths	S. S.	S. S. Schols.	Benevolent Contrib'ns.
East Pennsylvania,	26	90	15,609	13,358	1,793	857	51	13,310		30	723	132	2,087	$1,930 61
Lebanon,	21	62	10,062	2,879	1,171	642	40	7,998	2	24	476	71		
Zion,	24	77	7,804	3,916	342	261	57	6,899	4	21	224	62	1,945	1,559 54
Maryland,	26	48	6,451	3,093	743	234	69	5,747		43	418	40	2,466	1,184 19
North Carolina,	6	30	1,623					1,569						
Virginia,	6	25	1,407					1,340						
Philadelphia,	24	27	5,502	691	793	283	293	4,601		29	293	36	2,396	5,450 64
Mercersburg,	35	55	5,225	4,822	418	250	93	4,314	1	55	181	43	2,182	1,422 67
Goshenhoppen,	16	50	7,866	5,665	748	427	6	6,533			481	73	1,250	
New York,	11	15	1,979	105	360	84	12	1,387		12	59	18	707	50 00
Lancaster,	19	34	2,667	955	255	117	22	2,035	1	12	139	32		429 86
East Susquehanna,	19	72	5,642	5,165	867	313	39	4,355		31	372	50	1,329	853 60
West Susquehanna,	15	67	4,290	2,556	338	193	59	3,593	4	56	147	54	880	601 73
Clarion,	8	23	1,858	1,616	228	84	9	1,476		1	117	17	1,025	310 67
St. Paul's,	12	22	2,056		290	144	22	1,820		10	61	16	1,137	327 52
Total,	268	697	80,041	45,821	8,346	3,889	772	66,977	12	324	3,691	639	17,404	$13,621 03
Synod of Ohio and adj. States, 11 Classes.	179	402	18,734	10,480	3,393	1,663	588	20,394	107	228	988	255		5,907 81
Total, 2 Synods, 26 Classes,	447	1099	98,775	56,301	11,739	5,552	1,360	87,371	119	552	4,679	894	17,404	$19,528 84

SYNOD

Of the German Reformed Church of Ohio and adjacent States.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION FOR 1863.

Another synodical year has passed away with its toils and pleasures, its trials and enjoyments, it sorrows and joys; and under the benign smiles and gracious blessings of Divine Providence, we are once more privileged to meet together in ecclesiastical convocation, as a common brotherhood in Christ Jesus, united by a common principle of faith and love, having common interests to consider, and common ends to accomplish. In reviewing the history of this synodical year, as revealed in the several classical reports, we can trace on its pages the shadows and lights of the eventfulness of life, and of the trials and triumphs of Zion. But under every aspect, the mercy, long-suffering and goodness of God come clearly to view, and call for gratitude and devotion on our part.

As a branch of the Church of Christ, we have indeed great reason for thankfulness to the Lord for His manifold goodness during the past year. It has been a year of peculiar and severe trial, calamity and sorrow. Civil war, with its attendant evils, has been and is still raging in our country, affecting the various relations, interests and activities of life, both in State and Church. Fathers, and sons, and brothers have fallen side by side in the bloody conflict; hearts have been rent with anguish and distress; tears of sorrow and sympathy have freely flowed; homes, once happy, have been made desolate and cheerless; the widow's cry and the orphan's wail have been heard in mournful accents on the passing breeze; and doubt and gloom have been overhanging the hopes of the patriot and the Christian. "In Ramah was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning."

Yet, in the midst of these sad and adverse circumstances, we have realized tokens of God's presence, favor and blessing. For, generally speaking, our health and lives have been precious in His sight. Disease and affliction have indeed prevailed, but only in a slight degree, and of short duration. None of our brethren in the ministry have fallen victims to death. They are still enabled to go in and out before their flocks, breaking unto them the Bread of Life, and proclaiming salvation through Christ to a sinful world. The regular service of the sanctuary has been uninterruptedly continued, and vacant congregations and missionary stations supplied with the preached word as far as possible. The "unity of the spirit" has

also been preserved in the bond of love and peace; and while the plague of schism, distraction and division, has affected others, we have been thus far graciously preserved as *one* body, holding to a common symbol of faith, governed by the same constitution, and adhering to the "ancient landmarks" and order of worship. "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as we are called in one hope of our calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God, and Father of all."

Moreover, during the past year a good degree of prosperity and success has attended our Reformed Zion. We have received accessions to the ministry and the membership of the Church; new houses of worship have been erected and consecrated to the service of the Lord; the channels of benevolence have been deepened and widened, and in their future aspect (as to results) look hopeful and promising. Our institutions of learning have become more completely established and endowed, evidencing increased prosperity and efficiency; and the true life and doctrinal position of the Church have been more fully developed, while perceptible improvement and progress have marked her general course. The number of baptisms and confirmations will favorably compare with that of former years; and, on the whole, the numerical increase and spiritual progress of the Church have been comparatively good.

The divine ordinances have received a due share of attention and respect. The word of God, containing a full and complete revelation of the Divine Mind, and being the only perfect rule of faith and practice, has been faithfully preached to our congregations; and the general attendance on the services of the sanctuary, on the part of the people, has also been good and encouraging. The preached word, however, had not an equal effect upon all hearers; for whilst to some it may have been a mere empty sound, to others, no doubt, it has proved "the power of God unto salvation." The importance and necessity of sincere and ardent prayer have been practically realized by many of our congregations. Prayer-meetings are established in a large number of our congregations, and, though not as numerously and faithfully attended as they should be, continue to be regarded as invaluable aids to the spiritual interest and prosperity of the Church. For, indeed in all things,

"Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,
The Christian's native air,
His watchword at the gate of death—
He enters heaven with prayer."

Our Sunday-schools are represented as being generally in a prosperous condition; but most of them have been more or less injuriously affected by the enlisting of many of our young men in the Union army, some of whom now sleep in a faithful soldier's grave.

It is also worthy of notice, that the Church is becoming more fully conscious of the importance of *educational religion*. As we have a moral as well as a physical and intellectual nature, we also need moral training and development. This important fact has thus far been too much overlooked in the educational system of our country, both in theory and practice. Hence the importance of a medium through which to supply (at least in a great measure) this deep-felt want, and to counteract the evils resulting from such a one-sided or semi-infidel course of training. This medium is to be found mainly in the system of parochial schools and catechetical instruction. Some parochial schools have been established with good results. But as it is somewhat difficult to establish them generally in "the present order of things," we must become more deeply impressed with the necessity of a more extended and thorough course of catechisation. To carry this into good practical effect, the catechism must not only be made use of by the minister in instructing a regularly organized class of catechumens, but it must be introduced and used in the family and Sunday-school. In this way the time-honored custom of teaching our children the fundamental doctrines, precepts and duties of Christianity, will be fully revived and perpetuated, the youth will become properly enlightened and established in truth and virtue, the corrupting influences of humanitarianism, errorism and infidelity will be overcome, the moral state of society will be improved and elevated, and many of our sons and daughters will be won to Christ and the Church, and thus saved from sin, ruin and misery.

But it is not only necessary that the Church have unity of spirit, soundness of doctrine, spiritual vitality, and a deep concern for the religious interest of the youth, but it is essential to her spiritual welfare, power and prosperity, that she be also possessed of the true spirit of *benevolence*. This includes the idea of liberality and love of souls; for as we love the souls of men in the spirit of Christ, will we be liberal in our contributions to the cause of Christ; and while we freely contribute of our possessions to advance the Redeemer's kingdom on earth, we must feel personally induced to render all possible aid, as willing instruments under God's blessing, to promote the *spiritual* interests of men unto eternal salvation. To this end, then, we should ask ourselves in the fear and love of God, do we really and truly possess the true spirit of benevolence? It is evident from past experience and results, that while we as a Church have been making gradual progress in the right direction, our benevolence still needs much more *depth*, *strength* and *expansion*. The contributions of last year were comparatively meagre, and inadequate to our wants. *Has not God richly* blessed us with means? Yea, we *have an abundannce of means*, but we lack in Christian liberality. *We know that the wants of the* Church are many and great, but we

have little will to lessen and lighten them. We are often free in advancing political and worldly enterprises, but we vainly excuse ourselves when the Lord demands our money, our time, and our labor. And the result is, that our missionary and other benevolent operations are circumscribed, crippled and unsuccessful. O! that we would bear in mind that "the Lord loveth a cheerful giver;" that "he that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord;" and that "the liberal soul shall be made fat."

And why is it that, while a good degree of progress and prosperity is attending our Church, we, after all, are doing and accomplishing so little in the sphere of Christian benevolence, missionary enterprise, church extension, moral achievements, and spiritual activity and triumph? Is it not because we still lack, to a great extent, the true spirit of Jesus Christ, and the unction of the Holy Ghost? Are we not in want of more copious showers of reviving and animating grace? Does not our piety need more depth, vitality and seld-denying earnestness? Are we not too much conformed to the world, and to its order of thinking and practice? Ought we not to be the incontrovertible living exhibitions of the power of divine grace in the soul, and of Christian humility, consistency, devotion and prayer? And as genuine personal piety *is* the main-spring of the whole practical machinery of Christianity, should we not therefore be much more generally and earnestly concerned about the spiritual discipline of the heart, and in this discover the lever of power in the Church, as well as the true principle of consecration, the spring of energy, the seat of impulse, the nerve of activity, the source of strength, and the true secret of success and prosperity.

There never has been a period in the history of the Church, in our country, when moral principle, steadfast piety, and constant spiritual watchfulness were so essential as at this time. Envy, pride, hatred, iniquity, selfishness and party animosity, are quite prevalent in the land; and war, in its very best form, is no friend to piety and moral enterprise. This has been demonstrated in the last year. The exciting interests, passions and narratives of war, have, to a great extent, absorbed the attention, influence and exertion of men, to the neglect of the higher claims of Christianity and eternal things. The Church, even, in some measure, is carried along on the popular tide, and floats on dangerous waters, and amid threatening "breakers." Infidelity, taking advantage of the adverse state of things in State and Church, is rallying its forces, and striving in the might of its power to gain the ascendency. And while iniquity aboundeth, the love of many is waxing cold. Hence the servants of God, though sorely tried, and their message much unheeded or perverted, are solemnly called upon to vindicate the truth of the gospel and to sustain the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom with holy confidence in the divine promises; and while the sacramental hosts of

God are giving unmistakable evidence of their love to the flag of the Union and of Liberty, they must not forget to rally with even more devotion and zeal under the glorious banner of the Cross. For in the Cross of Christ is hope, power and safety; and there is the true source of deliverance, peace, prosperity and perpetuity, both to the nation and the Church. Righteousness exalteth a nation, and is its enduring bulwark of safety. Holiness is the beautiful robe and enthroning power of the Church. And as the Church is the divinely appointed bearer of grace and salvation to men and nations, righteousness cometh to a nation only through the Church. Hence, in deep humility and faith, let us watch and pray!

Finally:—as the year 1863 is set apart for the Tercentenary anniversary of the formation and adoption of our symbol of faith—the Heidelberg Catechism—calling into sacred remembrance the trials and triumphs of the Reformed Church, as well as the goodness of God, we should consecrate ourselves anew, in person, property and effort, to the service of the Lord. Yea, let this year be a year of grateful and cheerful offering unto God, and of spiritual progression, missionary enterprise, earnest activity, and holy rejoicing. Let it be a year that will become memorable in the future history of the Church for liberality, devotion and success. Let us revere the memory and catch the spirit of the pious Reformers, who so nobly and successfully battled for the truth in founding the Reformed Church, and in preparing our venerable symbol of faith. Let us be earnest and faithful co-laborers in the blessed work before us. Let us lay aside every hindering weight and besetting sin, and manfully and perseveringly strive to achieve a great and glorious victory during this year for our Literary and Theological Institutions, and the varied interests of the Church. Let our united prayers ascend to God in Christ for the peace and prosperity of Zion, hoping that this Tercentenary year, in its devotion, benevolence, activities, and general results, may prove a rich and sanctifying blessing to the Church and the world. And when our ecclesiastical convocations, and our spiritual labors and rejoicings shall finally close on earth, may we all meet to part no more in the General Assembly and the Church of the First-Born in Heaven, to spend an everlasting Tercentenary festival of peace, love and felicity!

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Chairman.*

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Ministers.		Names of Churches																Post Office Address.
D. Winters,	4	Mt. Zion,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible], Ohio.
T. H. Winters,	1	Caesar's Creek,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
P. C. Prugh,	1	1st church, Xenia,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
I. H. Reiter,	5	Miamisburg charge,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible], Ohio.
G. W. Williard,	5	Bethel,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible], Ohio.
J. Lichtenstein,	1	1st church, Cincinnati,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible], Ohio.
S. Mease,	1	2nd. church, Cincinnati,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
C. Saurle,	1	3rd. church, Cincinnati,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
L. H. Kefauver,	1	1st. church, Dayton,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible], Ohio.
W. Wittenwieler,	1	2nd. church, Dayton,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible], Ohio.
H. M. Herman,	5	West Alexandria,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	West Alexandria, Ohio.
G. E. Mechlin,	5	Seven Mile charge,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible], Ohio.
J. Richards,	4	Union charge,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible], Ohio.
J. Schlosser,	2	Fairfield charge,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Fairfield, Ohio.
J. Schlosser, (supply),	1	Beaver Creek,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
A. Wanner,	2	Bear and Elkcreek,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Germantown, Ohio.
Vacant,	5	New Madison charge,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	New Madison, Ohio.
J. Scott,	5	St. Paris,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	St. Paris, Ohio.
J. A. Leis,	4	St. Johns,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Miamisburg, Ohio.
J. Pifles,	1	Brown co. charge,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Arnheim, Ohio.
O. Stack,	5	Dallas charge,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Greenville, Ohio.
J. H. Leonard,	2	Hillsborough,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Hillsborough, Ohio.
G. Shaw,	4	Port Jefferson,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Pratt, Ohio.
S. H. Kroh,																		Anna, Illinois.
P. Schwedes,	1	Covington, Ky.,	[illegible]	[illegible]														Covington, Ky.
E. Berentz,																		Grandview, Ohio.

Without Charge: J. Kercher, Lacon, Ill., S. K. Denius, Gratis, O.; J. Weaver, Gettysburg, O.; George Shafer, Nevins, O.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congr.	Charges.	Ba. M.	Memb.	Comm.	Bapti.	Confir.	By Let	Dismi.	Exco.	Deaths	S. Sch.	Benev. Contr.	Post Office Address.
H. Williard,	2	Columbus,	40	41	38	5	5		1	2	1	2	$15.00	Columbus, O.
J. Vogt.	1	Delaware,	172	173	149	13	10				4	1		Delaware, O.
H. King,	3	Union,		150	110	32	16	2	8		10	2	16.68	Baltimore, O.
C. W. Hoyman,	4	Somerset,	240	230	210	19	3	5			5	3	155.00	Somerset, O.
N. H. Loose,	4	Sugar Grove,	160	221	205	20	22	10		6	6	3	81.90	Sugar Grove, O.
A. S. C. Kendig,	2	Basil,	95	169	113	23	12	4				2	52.00	Basil, O.
J. I. Swander,	4	Kinnick-kinnick,	120	150	150	19	16	8	4	1	6	2	100.00	Chillicothe, O.
J. Heffley,	4	Lithopolis,	200	215	204	30	15	2	1		3	2	85.00	Canal Winchester, O.
J. McConnell,	4	Tarlton,				26	23	4		1	23	2	54.19	Stoutsville, O.
J. C. Henneman,	5	Beaver,		425	391	39	24				12	2	29.75	Beavertown, O.
P. D. Schory,		Without Charge,												Lancaster, O.
M. H. Hockman,	1	Lancaster,												Lancaster, O.
J. Ruhl,														Defiance, O.
J. W. Alspach,	1	Licking county,	36	16	16	3						1	8.17	Appleton, O.
S. S. Rickley,		Without Charge,												Columbus.

IOWA CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congr.	Charges.	Ba. M.	Memb.	Comm.	Bapti.	Confir.	By Let	Dismi.	Exco.	Deaths	S. Sch.	Benev. Contr.	Post Office Address.
F. C. Bauman,	2	Harmony,	110	109	110	20		23	3			1	$25.00	Zwingli, Dubuque county, Iowa.
J. Riale,	2	Boulder and Brandon,	57	59	54	5	4	3				2	15.00	Independence, Iowa.
J. H. Buser,	2	Columbus City,	70	74	74	27	27	8	4		1	2	8.00	Columbus city, Louisa co., Iowa.
J. C. Klar,	1	Wheatland,	55	50	50	25	12				1		6.78	Wheatland, Clinton county, Iowa.
F. Wall,	3	Tipton,	75	68	68	6	8		1		1		15.00	Tipton, Iowa.
	2	Oskaloosa,	25	30	30									

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congrega.	Charges.	Members.	Con. Mem.	Communi.	Baptisms.	Confirmat.	Certificate.	By Letter.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Benevolent Contribu.	Post Office Address.	
N. P. Hacke,	6	Greensburg, (Ger.)			635	120	40				40	6	$143.50	Greensburg,	Pa.
H. E. F. Voigt,		Mt. Pleasant and Latrobe,			167	26						6		Mt. Pleasant,	do
Wm. Conrad,	4	Beam's,		210	164	12	6				4	2	160.940	Jenner X Roads,	do
Benj. Knepper,	5	Wellersburg,		176	132	75	18	2	10	3	23	3	31 56	Wellersburg,	do
F. K. Levan,	3	Mt. Pleasant,	75	130	100	6	9	2	1		4	2	93 60	Mt. Pleasant,	do
F. A. Edmonds,	4	Berlin,	300	323	305	60	26			1	50	2	37.00	Berlin,	do
T. J. Barkley,	5	Salem,	230	240	200	35	31	4			14	3	160.00	Salem X Roads,	do
C. C. Russell,	4	Latrobe,	180	160	140	16	1	2			10		93.50	Latrobe,	do
E. E. Higbee,	1	Grace Church,	99	83	60	4	4	7	3		3	1	68.00	Pittsburg,	do
D. H. Reiter,	5	Shade,		180	145	24	26	1		1	17	2	25.00	Shellsburg,	do
H. W. Super,	3	Greensburg, (Eng.)	135	125	120	21	4	4			6	3	109.00	Greensburg,	do
A. B. Koplin,	5	Grantsville,		235	194		12				10	3	38.25	Elk Lick,	do
Geo. H. Johnston,	3	Somerset,	144	184	164	24	21	4		2	8	3	175.00	Somerset,	do
Vacant,	2	Cumberland Mission,		74	74							1		Cumberland, Md.	
Cyrus Cort,	1	Altoona Mission,												Altoona, Pa.	
Prof. Jos. H. Johnston,		Licen. Westmoreland College.												Mt. Pleasant, Pa.	
H. Losch,														Paxinos, Pa.	
Wm. Weinel,		Superannuated,												Leechburg, Pa.	

SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Con.	Charges.	U. M.	M. C.	Com.	Bap.	Con.	Let.	Dis.	Exc.	Des.	S. S.	Ben. Con.	Post Office Address.
S. B. Leiter,	4	Tuscarawas,		228	228	28	15					3	$60.00	Navarre, Stark county, Ohio.
Wm. McCaughey,	1	Akron,		28	25	2	1	5	1	3	1	1	16 06	Akron, O.
J. Hines,	4	North Union,		168	148	14	14	12	2		6	5	45.00	Johnson's Corners, Summit county, O.
J. J. Excell,	6	Reedsburg,		335	335	16	185	1			1	4	92.86	Reedsburg, Wayne, co., O.
P. J. Spangler,	4	Navarre,		130	180	28	10				3	4	60.00	West Lebanon, Wayne co., O.
M. A. Miller,	4	Summit,		181	181	20	31		5	3	3	2		Lake, Stark co., O.
J. M. Lefever,	4	Carrolton,	78	214	178	18	20	12	1			2	32.06	Carrolton, O.
C. H. Reiter,	6	Bristol,	270	273	246	34	23	6	1		19	3	66.60	Wadsworth, Medina, co., O.
D. R. Moore,	4	Savannah,		190	180	7	16			2		3	31.30	Nankin, Ashland co., O.
D. W. Kelley,	4	Shelby,		130	120	12	18	6			12	1	51.00	New Bloomfield, Pa.
W. B. Sandoe,														Marshallville, O.

Without Charge: J. H. Helm, H. Hess, H. Shaul, L. Follett.

SHEBOYGAN CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Con.	Charges.	U. M.	M. C.	Com.	Bap.	Con.	Let.	Dis.	Exc.	Des.	S. S.	Ben. Con.	Post Office Address.
H. A. Mühlmeier,	2	Immanuel and Bethel,	318	220	220	50	8	1	2		6	5	$325.00	Howard's Grove, Sheboygan co., Wis.
H. A. Winter,	1		163	66	66	35	4		2	1	7	1		Sauk City, Wis.
J. Bossard,	1	Saron,	60	40	40	12					3	1	20.00	Sheboygan, Wis.
J. T. Kluge,	2	Zion and St. Paul,	109	148	158	21	14	8	12	2	2	2	26 42	Sheboygan, Wis.
J. J. Brecht,	1	Emanuel,	75	36	75	2					1	1	6.50	Girard, Iowa.
C. Lienkaemper,					77	22								Medina, Cutogamy county, Wis.
P. Joerris,	2	Salem and Zoar,	70	57	57	17	3	8	5	1	3	1	15.00	Watertown, Wis.
N. Ruetenick,	4			100	80	30	28				10	2	24.00	Lowell, Dodge county, Wis.
C. Schiller,	1	Ebenezer,	99	95	124	32	5				6		14.47	Newtonburg, Manitowoc county, Wis.
J. Vergenz,			124	89	76	28	4		4		8			Mayville, Dodge county, Wis.
O. J. Accola,	1	Ashford.	170	90	63	7	6		4		3		8.75	Ashford, Fond du lac county, Wis.

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Con.	Names of Charges.	U.M	M. C	Com	Bap	Con.	Cer.	Dis.	Exc.	Dea.	S. S.	Ben. Con.	Post Office Address.
F. Rahauser,		Eremitus,												Wilkin's, Pa.
R. Good,	1	Salem,		19	18						1	1	$2.00	Tiffin, Ohio.
J. H. Good,	3	Tiffin, 2d church,		230	200	40		10	8		10	2	24.00	Tiffin, Ohio.
J. Rettig,	3	Gallion,		400	390	34	18	16	1		12	1	110.19	Gallion, Ohio.
H. J. Rutenick,	1	Cleveland,	200	105	105	14	6	15	4	1	5	2	257.00	Cleveland, Ohio.
G. M. Albright,	4	Salems,	110	75	75	7	2				4	1	10.00	Herring, Allen county, Ohio.
H. Eschmeyer,	1	Toledo,	186	117	100	20	3	6			5	1		Toledo, do
A. Toensmier,	4	Marion,			100	12	10				7	2	62.70	Marion, do
J. J. Escher,	4	Berwick,	289	301	300	30	25	10	3		10	2	86.80	Fostoria, Seneca county, do
E. Keller,	3	Thompson,		182	182	49	17					2	61.24	Bellevue, do
M. Kieffer, D. D.,	1	Tiffin, 1st church,	200	155	155	6	17	14	15		2	1	57	Tiffin, do
C. Weiler,		Eremitus,												Gallion, do
J. Knie,														Iba, De Kalb county, do
J. Klingler,	2	Upper Sandusky,		71	71	9	7					2	10.42	Herring, Allen county, do
P. Tendick,	2	Attica,		175	175	18	13				5		15.78	Attica, Seneca county, do
J. B. Thompson,	2	Fremont,		91	91	23					6	1		Fremont, do
M. Mueller,	1	Sandusky,	153	73	72	6	8				2	1	20.00	Sandusky city, do
C. Raths,	4	Hessville,		115	115	40	8				10	1	8.89	Hessville, do
J. G. Ruhl,	5	Findlay,		150	140	29			1		1	6		Findlay, do
F. Greding,	5	Allen county,		178	178	23								Beaverdam, Allen co., do
W. Witzgall,														Napoleon, do
D. Zimmerman,	3	Wetstein,		190	190	31	22	6			21	3	57.00	Gallion, do
J. Matzinger,	2	Bascom,		100	85	9	12		10		5		9.78	Bascom, do
C. Kuss,	2	Monroville,	83	40	40	7							46.10	Huron, Erie county, do
J. Winter,	4	Marion,	231	135	130	16	7	2	4		15	2	21.55	Chatfield, do
G. Rettig,	4	Bucyrus,		198	198	21	7	10			21	3	75.04	Bucyrus, do
Wm. Renter,	3	Kenton,		131	181	39	10	26			3	3	14 10	Kenton, do
H. Bair,	3	Good Hope,		110	110				3	4	1	2	5.24	Fostoria, do

Without Charge: J. Heller, Fremont, O.; H. E. Schuette, Roanoke, Ind.; Wm. W. James, Tiffin, O.

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Cong.	Charges.	Memb.	Comm.	Bapt.	Confir.	Letter.	Dism.	Exco.	Deaths	S. Sch.	Benev. Contr.	Post Office Address.
J. H. Klein,	1	St. John's church,	240	250	33	11	9	6	2	13	1	$105.00	Fort Wayne, Ind.
C. Cast,	1	Zion's church,	125	125	46	11		20		10	2		Detroit, Mich.
P. Vitz,	1	St. Peter's church,	71	71	38	6	10			7	1	23.00	Huntington, Ind.
C. Jackel,	2	Adams co., charge,	92	92	14	6	2		1	3	2	22.08	Decatur, Adams county, Ind.
Wm. Wasnick,	5	Brush Creek charge,	154	154	56	16	4			8	3	39.00	Pulaski, Williams, county, O.
W. H. Fenneman,		Without charge,											Bucyrus, O.
G. W. M. Schulze,	2	Bluffton, charge,	180	180	24					7	1	31.75	Vera Cruz, Wells county, Ind.
Phil. Becker,	6	Whitley co., charge,	202	202	37	32	21				1	20.50	Columbia city, Ind.
A. Butt,	3	Jefferson charge,	60	60	6	8				2	2		Pulaski, Williams county, Ohio.
J. G. Kissell,	5	Auburn charge,	129	91	38	4	10			6	1		Aubern, De Kalb co., Ind.
J. Knie,	2	Union charge,	50	50	9					1			Iba, De Kalb co., Ind.
Jonas Michael,	6	Winamac charge,	148	100	43	31	6	2	1	1	2		Winamac, Pulaski co., Ind.
D. Kroh,	2	St. Joseph charge,	100										Three Rivers, Mich.
S. Z. Beam,	2	Neriah charge,	60	60					8	2	1		Erie, Monroe co., Mich.
Wm. Spies,		No Report,											New Bavaria, Defiance, county Ohio.
E. Spangler,		Without charge,											Edgerton, Williams county, O.
D. Lantz,		No Report,											Constantine, St. Joseph county, Mich.
G. A. Fickes,													Plymouth, Ind.
J. D. Gackenheimer,		No Report,											
T. Winters,		Superannuated,											West Alexandria, Ohio.

INDIANA CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Con.	Charges.	B. M	Me.	Com	Bap.	Con.	Let.	Exc.	Dis.	Dea.	S. S.	S. Sc	Ben. Con.	Post Office Address.
G. H. Zumpe,	3	Poland charge,		129	174	25					8	1	1	$28.75	Poland, Clay county, Ind.
M. G. I. Stern,	1	Indianapolis,	80	125	126	34	7	13	4		5	1	1	75.00	Indianapolis, Ind.
H. Kortheuer,	1	Zion's charge,	35	50	36	27	8			2	7	1	1	35.40	Terre Haute, Ind.
J. Eichin,	2	Linton charge,		78	78	5				2	4	2		3.50	Linton, Green county, Ind.
E. Bauman,	2	Bowling Green Mission.	56	47	50	9	9				2	1		15.00	Hausertown, Owen county, Ind.
M. Stern,	1	Louisville charge,		92	100	13	7	20			4	2	1	94.00	Louisville. Ky
K. F. Martin,	1	Lanesville,												25.00	Lanesville, Harrison county, Ind
		Colliflower charge,													
		Vernon charge,													
J. Leibert,		Dayton charge,													
L. Rike,		Corydon charge,		67	64	5	3	3		3		3		15.00	Corydon, Ind.

Without Charge: J. Blatgen, A. Toensmeier, Toledo, O.; J. D. Colliflower, J. Pence, Tremont, O.

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Con.	Charges.	U. M	Me.	Com	Bap.	Con.	Let.	Dis.	Dea.	S. S.	Ben. Con.	Post Office Address.
John Hoyman.	6	Orangeville,	130	200	175	37	2	4	1	11	5		Orangeville, Stephenson county Illinois.
J. P. Decker,		Superannuated,											Freeport, do do do
H. K. Baines,	2	Shelbyville mission,	22	47	45	14	14			1	2	$14.00	Shelbyville, Shelby do do
John Stoneberger,	1	Astoria mission,	37	57	40	3	1					8.00	Astoria, Fulton do do
George Weber,		Missionary,										10.00	Freeport, Stephenson do do
C. W. Seaman,	4	Foreston,	131	142	139	21	8	5	4	3	3	15.00	Freeport, do do do
H. Knepper,		Without charge,											Ogle's Station, Lee do do
Vacant,	2	Cedarville,	16	51	42	9				1	2		
Licentiates,													
Joseph Sechler,													Orangeville, Stephenson do do
Jacob Burkholder,													Shuey's Mill, Wis.
Wm. Gilpin,	2			25		4	10						Hickory Creek, Fayette county Illinois.

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congrega.	Charges.	Bap. Mem.	Mem. Con.	Communi.	Baptisms.	Confirma.	By Letter.	Excommu.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Benevolent Contribut.	Post Office Address.
J. W. Hamm,	6	Manchester,	760		563	71	18				27	5	$35.00	Nimissilla, Ohio.
D. Kemmerer,	4	Wooster,			380	63	20	7			15	3	67.11	Pittsburg, Pa.
P. Herbruck,		Canton,			919	149	53				51	4	60.45	Canton, Ohio.
G. Ziegler,	7	Georgetown,			567	67	90				27	4	28.47	North Georgetown, O.
J. G. Zahner,	5	Shanesville,			504	51	28				20	5	30.71	Rogersville, O.
J. Beiry,	6	New Bedford,			288	67					27	2	17.15	New Bedford, O.
J. Ackeret,	2	Mt. Eaton,				51	4				18	2	6.60	Mount Eton, Ohio.
C Zwisler,		No report,												Canfield, O.
S. N. King,		New Lisbon,		156	144	8	6	9			3	1	17.61	New Lisbon, O.
C. Banks,	3	New Philadelphia,		269	232	32	8				11	2	9.79	New Philadelphia, O.
C. Fehr,	4	No report,												
J. Reinhart,		Springfield,		490	480	30	58				10	5	110.00	North Lima, Ohio.
E. H. T. Woehler,	5	Albion,		100	90	13	8				8		13.66	Albion, Ohio.
H. K. Zinck,	2	Warren,			149	46					19		5.28	Warren, Ohio.
J. B. Ruhl,	4	Paradise,		170	165	20					22	3	9.60	Lordstown, Ohio.
R. Koehler,	3	Akron,		200	200	29	24				16	2	5.16	Akron, Ohio,
A. Miller,	2	Licentiate,												
G. W. Henning,		do												
J. D. Leeman,		do												

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THE

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE FIRST

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS.

In conformity with arrangements previously adopted, the General Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States of America, convened for the first time, in Grace church, on the corner of Grant and Webster Streets, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, on Wednesday the 18th of November, A. D., 1863, in the evening at 7 o'clock. After singing, and prayer by Rev. David Winters, the opening sermon, according to appointment, was preached by the Rev. John W. Nevin, D. D., from 1 Cor. 1: 21–24.

Thereupon, the Synod having been called to order, the Rev. Dr. J. W Nevin was appointed President, *pro tem.*, who opened the Synod with prayer. The Rev. Moses Kieffer, D. D., was chosen Secretary, *pro tem.* But before proceeding further in effecting an organization, the Synod adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Dismissed with a doxology, and the benediction by the President.

THURSDAY, November 19th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met, and, having been opened with singing and prayer by Rev. I. S. Demund, proceeded to make out the roll. The Rev. S. R. Fisher, D. D., was appointed to assist the Secretary, *pro tem.* in perfecting the roll. The following delegates, having presented their credentials, were found present and admitted to their seats, viz:

FROM THE SYNOD OF THE GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S.

1.) *East Pennsylvania Classis.*

Rev. Levi K. Derr, Joshua H. Derr, George B. Dechant* and John Gantenbein.

Elders—Nathan Miller and Stephen Ringer.

2.) *Zion's Classis.*

Rev. Theodore P. Bucher, Jacob O. Miller, William K. Zieber and Samuel Philips.

Elder—Stephen B. Kieffer, M. D.

3.) *Lebanon Classis.*

Rev. Henry Harbaugh, D. D., Franklin W. Kremer, George Wolff and Uriah H. Heilman.

Elders—George Heilman and John Meily.†

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* Appeared on Thursday afternoon.

†Appeared *on Monday forenoon.*

4.) *Maryland Classis.*

Rev. Daniel Zacharias, D. D., John S. Foulk, William F. Colliflower and John Külling.

Elders—John Rodenmayer, David Zeller and Goldsboro S. Griffith.

5.) *Philadelphia Classis.*

Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, D. D. and Nicholas Gehr.

Elders—John Wiest, W. D. Gross and H. C. Hoover.*

6.) *Virginia Classis.*

[None present.]

7.) *North Carolina Classis.*

[None present.]

8.) *Mercersburg Classis.*

Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., Benjamin S. Schneck, D. D., Thomas G. Apple, John Rebaugh and Samuel H. Reid.

Elders—A. B. Wingerd, Henry Ruby and Adam Haderman.

9.) *Goshenhoppen Classis.*

Rev. Samuel Hess and A. L. Dechant.

Elders—Daniel B. Mauger† and T. B. Hillegas.

10.) *New York Classis.*

Rev. John B. Kniest.

Elders— * * * * * * * *

11.) *Lancaster Classis.*

Rev. John W. Nevin, D. D., Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D., Isaac S. Demund and Martin A. Smith.

Elders— * * * * * * * *

12.) *East Susquehanna Classis.*

Rev. William Goodrich, Albert G. Dole and Henry S. Bassler

Elders— * * * * * * * *

13.) *West Susquehanna Classis.*

Rev. John C. Bucher, Franklin J. Mohr and Lewis C. Edmonds.‡

Elder—D. Leiby.

14.) *Clarion Classis.*

Rev. J. G. Shoemaker and F. Wise.††

Elders—John Hollabaugh and George Miller.¶

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*Appeared on Monday afternoon.

†Appeared on Thursday afternoon.

‡Succeeded by Rev. H. Weigandt, *secundus*, on Monday afternoon.

††Succeeded by Rev. H. Daniel, *secundus*, Wednesday morning.

¶Appeared on Thursday afternoon.

15.) *St. Paul's Classis.*

Rev. L. D. Leberman and George B. Russell.
Elders— * * * * * * * * *

FROM THE SYNOD OF THE GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH OF OHIO AND ADJACENT STATES.

1.) *Miami Classis.*

Rev. Peter C. Prugh, George W. Williard, David Winters Samuel Mease, Henry M. Herman and Isaac H. Reiter.
Elder—Andrew H. Baughman.

2.) *Lancaster Classis.*

Rev. Henry Williard, John McConnell and John I. Swander.
Elders—P. W. Dumbauld, Jos. Slough and Henry Leonard.

3.) *Iowa Classis.*

Rev. John Riale.
Elders— * * * * * * * *

4.) *Westmoreland Classis.*

Rev. E. E. Higbee, David H. Reiter* and Christian C. Russell.
Elders—M. Zimmerman, Henry L. Bear and Hugh Moore.†

5.) *Sandusky Classis.*

Rev. Jacob M. LeFever, W. B. Sandoe and Samuel B. Leiter.‡
Elders—John C. Kremer and Thomas W. Chapman.‡

6.) *Sheboygan Classis.*

Rev. Dr. James Bossard.
Elders— * * * * * * * *

7.) *Tiffin Classis.*

Rev. Eli Keller, Moses Kieffer, D. D., George Rettig, Herman J. Ruetenik and Joseph B. Thompson.
Elder—D. Arnold.

8.) *St. Joseph Classis.*

Rev. John Henry Klein and Charles Cast.‡
Elder—Peter Loose.

9.) *Indiana Classis.*

[None Present.]

10.) *Illinois Classis.*

Rev. Henry K. Baines and George Weber.
Elders— * * * * * * * *

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*Succeeded by Rev. F. K. Levan, delegate *primarius*, on Saturday forenoon.

†Appeared on Saturday forenoon.

‡Appeared on Friday morning.

II.) *St. John's Classis.*

Rev. Robert Koehler and James Reinhart.*
Elder—Jacob Greenameyer.

Hereupon, the roll having been thus far completed, and finding a Constitutional quorum in attendance, the Synod proceeded to effect a permanent organization, by electing by acclamation,

REV. JOHN W. NEVIN, D. D., *President*, Lancaster, Pa.
" MOSES KIEFFER, D. D., *Vice President*, Tiffin, Ohio.
" DAN'L ZACHARIAS, D. D., *V. Pres't*, Frederick, Md.
" ISAAC H. REITER, *Secretary*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
" GEORGE W. WILLIARD, *Cor. Secretary*, Dayton, O.
MR. JOHN WIEST, *Treasurer*, Philadelphia, Pa.

The President, on taking the chair, made some appropriate and impressive remarks, thanking the Synod for the honor conferred on him, and referring to the objects for which the General Synod was established—to the important interests entrusted to its care and supervision, and to the ends it would be expected to accomplish; and also pointing out the manner in which the business of this Synod and all the operations of the Church should be carried forward, as well as the kind of spirit that should characterize our conduct towards each other and towards other Christian denominations—ever keeping in view, in all synodical deliberations and enactments, and in all our labors of love, the glory of God, the example of Christ, the salvation of man, and the true prosperity of the Church.

On motion,

Resolved, That an Assistant Secretary be appointed to make a record of the proceedings of this Synod in the German language.

Thereupon, the Rev. HERMAN J. RUETENIK was appointed said Assistant Secretary.

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT.

The following named persons were announced and recognized as Advisory members of this Synod:

THE SYNOD OF THE GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S.

From East Pennsylvania Classis—Rev. F. Strassner.†
From Lancaster Classis—Rev. Daniel Gans.
From East Susquehanna Classis—Rev. J. W. Steinmetz.
From West Susquehanna Classis—Rev. Henry Wiegandt.‡
From Lebanon Classis—Rev. David W. Wolff.

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*Appeared on Monday evening.
† Appeared on Tuesday afternoon.
‡ Appeared on Monday afternoon.

From Mercersburg Classis—Rev. William M. Dietrick, Jacob Hassler, Cyrus Cort, Nehemiah H. Skyles, N. E. Gilds and Walter E. Krebs.

From Clarion Classis—Rev. C. A. Limberg, C. R. Dieffenbacher and H. Daniel,‡ and Elders Adam Hepler‡ and Jacob Blinker.‡

From St. Paul's Classis—Rev. Frederick W. Dechant, Caspar Scheel and D. O. Shoemaker.¶

THE SYNOD OF THE GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH OF OHIO AND ADJACENT STATES.

From Miami Classis—Rev. John Lichtenstein and Elder Joseph H. Dryden.**

From Westmoreland Classis—Rev. Geo. H. Johnston, T. J. Barkley, F. A. Edmonds and H. W. Super,†† and Elders A. Beam†† and Josiah Miller.††

From Sandusky Classis—Rev. Cyrus H. Reiter and Nathaniel H. Loose.

From Tiffin Classis—Rev. Frederick Rahauser, Wm. H. Fenneman and Lewis H. Kefauver.‡‡

From St. John's Classis—Rev. David Kaemmerer.

From Iowa Classis—Rev. Frederick C. Bauman.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee, consisting of Rev. S. R. Fisher, D. D., H. Harbaugh, D. D., and G. B. Russell, be appointed to solicit a copy of the sermon preached last evening before this Synod, by Rev. Dr. John W. Nevin, for publication in pamphlet form, and, in case the manuscript be obtained, to have it published accordingly.

The Synod then proceeded to fix the regular hours of meeting and adjourning, whereupon it was ordered, that the sessions of Synod during the present meeting open at 9 o'clock in the morning and 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and close at 12 o'clock in the morning and 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee of eight be appointed to report a plan or order of business for this General Synod.

This Committee consists of Rev. Dr. S. R. Fisher, Dr. E. V. Gerhart, D. Winters, G. W. Williard, Dr. H. Harbaugh and Dr. M. Kieffer, and Elders Dr. S. B. Kieffer and Henry Leon-

‡ Appeared on Thursday afternoon.
¶ Appeared on Friday afternoon.
** Appeared on Saturday afternoon.
†† Appeared on Monday morning.
‡‡ Appeared on Monday afternoon.

ard. The Committee was permitted to retire in order to be prepared to report by the opening of the afternoon session.

Synod adjourned until 1 o'clock, P. M. Closed with prayer by Rev. T. G. Apple.

THURSDAY, November 19th, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met, and was opened with singing and prayer by Rev. G. W. Williard. The roll was called and a quorum present.

The Rev. Geo. B. Dechant, delegate *secundus* from the East Pennsylvania Classis, and Elder D. B. Mauger, delegate from the Goshenhoppen Classis, appeared and took their seats.

The presence of the Rev. Dr. Eells, of the Presbyterian Church, was announced.

On motion, the Rev. Geo. H. Johnston and Rev. Cyrus Cort were appointed to act as reporters for the Daily Papers of the city of Pittsburg, during the sessions of Synod.

The Committee appointed to propose a plan or order of business for this General Synod, submitted their report, which was received, amended and adopted. It is as follows:

The Committee appointed to propose a plan or order of business for this General Synod, respectfully suggest, as the most effectual method of reaching the object contemplated, the appointment of Standing Committees on the following subjects:

1. *On Religious Exercises.*
2. *On Minutes of the General Synod.*
3. *On Minutes of the Synods.*
4. *On Overtures.*
5. *On Correspondence with Sister Churches.*
6. *On the State of the Church.*
7. *On Missions.*
8. *On Finance.*

Inasmuch as this is the first meeting of the General Synod since the adoption of the amendments to the Constitution by which it was created, the Committee are of opinion, that the Committee on Minutes of the Synods ought to confine their investigations to the Minutes of those meeting of the Synods, which have been held during the year 1863, except in matters of special reference.

Respectfully submitted,
SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Chairman.*

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed on the subject of the Tercentenary anniversary.

The Committee consists of Rev. Dr. H. Harbaugh, W. F. Colliflower and S. Mease, and Elders H. L. Bear and H. Leonard.

The presence of Rev. Mr. Snively, of the Methodist Church, was announced.

On motion,

Resolved, That all Elders present at the meeting of this Synod be admitted to a seat as advisory members.

Rev. H. Daniel and Elders Adam Hepler and Jacob Blinker, from the Clarion Classis, appeared and took their seats as advisory members.

Elder George Miller, delegate from Clarion Classis, appeared and took his seat.

At this stage of the proceedings, the President announced the following Standing Committees:

On Religious Exercises—Rev. E. E. Higbee, H. Williard and J. Gantenbein.

On Minutes of the Synods—Rev. Dr. S. R. Fisher, G. W. Williard and J. H. Derr, and Elders George Heilman and D. Arnold.

On Overtures—Rev. D. Winters, T. G. Apple and P. C. Prugh, and Elders A. B. Wingerd and P. Loose.

On Correspondence with Sister Churches—Rev. Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, I. H. Reiter and Dr. J. Bossard, and Elder H. Ruby.

On the State of the Church—Rev. G. B. Russell, J. G. Shoemaker, and E. Keller, and Elders G. S. Griffith and W. D. Gross.

On Missions—Rev. J. S. Foulk, D. H. Reiter and J. Riale, and Elders J. Rodenmayer and Dr. S. B. Kieffer.

On Finance—Rev. M. A. Smith and Elders J Wiest and M. Zimmerman.

A communication was received from Rev. Dr. P. Schaff, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

Synod adjorned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. Dr. B. S. Schneck.

FRIDAY, November 20th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met, and was opened with singing and prayer by Rev. J. H. Derr. A quorum present. The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. Samnel B. Leiter and Elder T. W. Chapman, delegates from the Sandusky Classis, appeared and took their seats.

Rev. Charles Cast, delegate from the St. Joseph Classis, appeared and took his seat.

Rev. D. O. Shoemaker, of St. Paul's Classis, appeared and took his seat as an advisory member.

The Committee on Religious Exercises submitted their report, which was received and adopted,

Your Committee would recommend services preparatory to the Lord's Supper in Grace church on Saturday at 3 o'clock, P. M. Sermon by Rev. D. Gans, assisted in the liturgical services by Rev. W. E. Krebs. On Sunday at 9 o'clock, A. M., addresses to the Sunday School and Catechumens, by Rev. P. C. Prugh and Elder H. Leonard. The Lord's Supper at 10½ o'clock. Sermon by Rev. Dr M. Kieffer, assisted by Rev. D. Winters. This morning communion is especially designed for the congregation of Grace church, and those ministers who will necessarily be absent on Sunday evening. The Lord's Supper on Sunday evening at 7 o'clock, especially designed for the members of the General Synod. Sermon by Rev. Dr. E. Harbaugh, assisted by Rev. Dr. E. V. Gerhart.

Churches of sister denominations in Pittsburg and suburbs, through their respective Pastors, have also made application to have their pulpits filled on Sunday morning and evening, in view of which the following supplies are recommended, viz.

First Presbyterian church, morning, Rev. Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger; evening, Rev. T. P. Bucher.

Second Presbyterian church, morning, Rev. Dr. E. V. Gerhart; evening, Rev. Dr. Bomberger.

Third Presbyterian church, morning, Rev. Dr. J. W. Nevin; evening, Rev. Dr. D. Zacharias.

Fourth Presbyterian church, morning, Rev. S. Philips; evening, Rev. S. Mease.

Cumberland Presbyterian church, morning, Rev. P. C. Prugh; evening, Rev. S. H. Reid.

Methodist church, Penn St, morning, Rev. T. G. Apple; evening, Rev. J. S. Foulk.

Methodist church, South corner Alleghany, morning, Rev. J. H. Derr; evening, Rev. J. McConnell.

Baptist church, Grant Street, morning, Rev. Dr. Harbaugh; evening, Rev. Dr. M. Kieffer.

Lutheran church, Seventh Street, morning, Rev.————; evening, Rev. S. Philips.

Presbyterian church at Lawrenceville, morning, Rev. S. H. Reid; evening, Rev. J. I. Swander.

North Presbyterian church, Alleghany city, morning, Rev. T. P. Bucher; afternoon, Rev. D. Gans.

Methodist Episcopal church, Beaver St., morning, T. J. [illegible]; evening, Rev. J. Riale.

Methodist Protestant church, morning, Rev. H. K.

Baines; evening, Rev. S. B. Leiter.

Disciple church , morning, Rev. J. W. Steinmetz.

German Presbyterian church, Manchester, morning, Rev. J. Lichtenstein.

Presbyterian church, Alleghany, morning, Rev. I. S. Demund; evening, Rev. F. W. Kremer.

Methodist Protestant church, 5th street, morning, Rev. W. F. Colliflower.

Trinity Methodist church, 9th Ward, morning, Rev. J. Hassler; evening, Rev. G. H. Johnston.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. HIGBEE, *Chairman.*

The Committee appointed on the subject of the Tercentenary Anniversary, submitted their report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on the Tercentenary celebration, recommend to Synod that the whole of Saturday evening be devoted to a synodical commemoration of the present Festival Year, to be conducted according to the following order:

Introductory by the Choir: The Gloria in Excelsis.

Invocation, and the German Hymn, "Nun danket alle Gott," by Rev. J. Lichtenstein.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Zacharias.

Addresses:—by Rev. Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, Dr. M Kieffer, Dr. B. S. Schneck, (in German,) Dr. E. V. Gerhart.

Hymn by Rev. Dr. S. R. Fisher.

Brief remarks in German or English by any member.

Prayer by Rev. J. Rebaugh.

Doxology and benediction by Rev. D. Winters.

Respectfully submitted,

H. HARBAUGH, *Chairman,*

The Committee on the Minutes of the Synods submitted their report, which was received, and reads as follows:

The Committee on Minutes of the Synods respectfully submit the following report:

They have examined the Minutes of the Synods, under the instructions connected with their appointment, and find the following items claiming the attention of this Synod:

I.) MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF THE GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S.

Item 1, Minutes of 1861, pages 29 and 30. The propriety of organizing a Sunday School Association, to which shall be entrusted the superintendence of the entire Sunday School interests of our Church, is referred to the consideration of this General Synod.

Item 2, Minutes of 1863. A committee of three, consisting of the Rev. Geo. B. Russell, B. Bausman, and Elder John Meily, was appointed, to prepare a report on the subject of an Orphan Asylum, to be submitted to this General Synod.

Item 3, Same Minutes. The Synod has instructed its Treasurer to pay over to this General Synod $500, part of a donation, made by the Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff, which, according to the expressed wishes of the donor, is to be invested as the "German Hymn Book Fund," the interest of which shall be used for such general Church purposes, as this Synod may see fit to designate.

Item 4, Same Minutes. The Synod, in view of the importance of the subject, and the fact that it concerns the whole Church East and West, commends to the earnest consideration of this General Synod, the question as to How the Synod holds its Church property; and has appointed a committee, consisting of the Rev. J. O. Miller, Hon. David Krause, Hon. John W. Killinger and Hon. John Cessna to prepare a legal paper on the subject and present it to this General Synod for information and consideration.

Item 5, Same Minutes. The Synod has adopted a resolution, declaring, that, while according to the Constitution, the Heidelberg Catechism *alone* can be used in Catechetical instruction, yet, in Sunday Schools other books *may* be used, provided always they harmonize with our doctrinal symbol, and that the Heidelberg Catechism be brought into prominent use in all our Sunday Schools; and for the purpose of eliciting more definite action on this subject, it respectfully refers it to this General Synod.

Item 6, Same Minutes. In view of the calamities which have befallen our beloved fatherland in the form of a desolating civil war, and remembering the example of Christ and his Apostles and that of our forefathers in the days of our own struggle for independence, the Synod respectfully recommends to this General Synod, the propriety of addressing to our ministers and congregations, a pastoral letter, administering to them such affectionate Christian counsel and advice, as, in the wisdom of this Synod, the case may seem to require.

Item 7, Same Minutes. The Synod further requests this General Synod to take into consideration the propriety of the following measures:

1.) The consolidation of the Theological Institutions of the Church into one—subject to the final action of the several Synods, which control the Seminaries.

2.) The establishment of at least two Tercentenary Professorships jointly for the Seminaries, and the appointment of one or more agents for the purpose.

II.) MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF THE GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH OF OHIO AND ADJACENT STATES.

Item 1. Minutes 1863, page 12. In view of the fact, that a great variety of Liturgies are in use in different portions of the Church, the Synod has adopted the following resolutions:

1.) *Resolved*, That this Synod feels the necessity of a Liturgy that can be brought into general use throughout the entire Church, so as to secure uniformity of worship.

2.) *Resolved*, That this Synod is opposed to the continued use of the Provisional Liturgy, as such, and would request the General Synod so to modify it as to enable us to introduce it into our congregations.

3.) *Resolved*, That should the Provisional Liturgy not admit of such modification, the General Synod be earnestly requested to take measures at once to provide a Liturgy adapted to the wants of the Church.

4.) *Resolved*, That, in case the General Synod does not feel prepared to act in this matter, it be requested to allow us to provide a Liturgy which, in our opinion, will be adapted to the wants of our Church, and that a committee of five be appointed to go forward in this work, should the contingency arise.

Respectfully submitted,
SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Chairman.*

The report was taken up item by item, and disposed of as follows:

Item 1. This item was referred to a special Committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. B. S. Schneck, G. W. Williard, G. B. Russell, E. Keller, Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, H. J. Ruetenik and Dr. J. Bossard, and Elders G. S. Griffith and Dr. S. B. Kieffer.

Item 2. The report of the Committee called for in this item was submitted for the consideration of Synod. It was received, but after discussing the first resolution, it was recommitted; and the Rev. J. H. Klein and J. H. Derr were appointed to co-operate with said committee.

Synod adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M. Closed with the benediction by Rev. Dr. D. Zacharias.

FRIDAY, November 20th, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met, and was opened with singing and prayer by Rev. H. S. Bassler.

On motion, the Rev. T. J. Barkley, J. I. Swander, and W. E. Krebs were appointed as additional reporters for the Daily Papers of the city of Pittsburg.

The report on Minutes of the Synods under consideration at adjournment, was continued.

Item 3. In reference to the contents of this item, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the General Synod gratefully receives this donation of five hundred dollars from Rev. Dr. P. Schaff.

Resolved, That the proceeds of this fund be devoted to the diffusion of German Sunday School literature of the Reformed Church.

Item 4. Laid on the table until the report of the Committee, as to How Synod holds its church property, be received.

Item 5 This was referred to a special Committee, consisting of Rev. P. C. Prugh, W. F. Colliflower, I. H. Reiter and F. W. Kremer, and Elders Geo. Heilman and A. H. Baughman.

Item 6. Referred to a special Committee, consisting of Rev. J. H. Derr, Dr. J. W. Nevin, Dr. M. Kieffer and J. S. Foulk, and Elders J. Rodenmayer and J. Weist.

Item 7. Referred to a special Committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, F. W. Kremer, I. S. Demund, G. W. Williard, E E. Higbee and Dr. M. Kieffer, and Elders A. B. Wingerd and T. W. Chapman.

Item 8. Referred to a special Committee, consisting of Rev. G. W. Williard, Dr. J. Bossard, T. G. Apple and G. B. Russell, and Elders Dr. S. B. Kieffer and T. W. Chapman.

Hereupon, the report as a whole was adopted.

The presence of Rev. W. A. Passavant, of the Lutheran Church, was announced.

The Committee on the subject of Orphan Asylums again submitted their report, which was received. The first resolution was taken up and discussed, and pending this, the Synod adjourned. Prayer by the Rev. J. S. Foulk.

On Friday evening the Historical Society of the German Reformed Church, originating in the Tercentenary Convention at Philadelphia, in January, and organized Oct. 22d, 1863, at Carlisle, Pa., held an adjourned meeting, which, having been opened with religious exercises, was entertained with an able and interesting address by Rev. Dr. H. Harbaugh, who briefly dwelt on the several epochs into which the history of the Church in America may be divided, and pointed out the particular sources from which this history may be gleaned. Some business was transacted, having reference to the more perfect organization of the Society and its future success. The meeting was possessed of interest, and also of profit.

SATURDAY, Nov. 21st, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met. Singing and prayer by Elder G. S. Griffith. A quorum present. The Minutes were read and adopted.

Rev F. K. Levan, delegate *primarius* from Westmoreland Classis, appeared and was admitted to the seat occupied by the *secundus*, Rev. D. H. Reiter.

Elder Hugh Moore, delegate from Westmoreland Classis, appeared and took his seat.

The regular order of business, relating to the establishment of Orphan Asylums, was again resumed. A substitute was offered and entertained, but finally rejected. Thereupon, after considerable discussion pertaining to the manner of controlling and sustaining such institutions, the report was again recommitted, and the Committee instructed to make certain modifications.

The presence of the Rev. Dr. Williams, of the Presbyterian Church, was announced.

The Rev. L. K. Derr and Elder Stephen Ringer, delegates from East Pennsylvania Classis, were excused from further attendance at Synod after this morning session.

Synod adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M. Closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. Williams.

SATURDAY, Nov. 21st. 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met, and was opened with singing and prayer by Rev. W. K. Zeiber.

Synod proceeded to fix the place and time for its next regular meeting, but before taking definite action, this matter was laid over and made the special order of the day for Monday at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Rev. Dr. B S. Schneck was excused from the duty assigned him in the Tercentenary Anniversary exercises this evening, and the name of Rev. J. Kuelling was substituted.

The Committee on Overtures submitted their report, which was received and adopted.

Your Committee on Overtures would respectfully report, that but two documents were placed in their hands:

No. 1. Is a letter from————to the General Synod, on the subject of ministerial conscription.

No. 2. Is a communication from Messrs. Griffith, Hays and McJilton, in behalf of the U. S. Christian Commissision of the District of Maryland, stating their great need of funds for the supply of Hospital stores, blankets &c., for the sick and wounded soldiers and sailors of the Hospitals; and asking the Clergy to take up collections in aid of these objects on Thanksgiving Day.

Respectfully submitted,

D. WINTERS, Chairman.

This report was disposed of thus:

Item 1. With reference to this, it was,

Resolved, That the subject involved is of such a nature as to be inexpedient to engage the attention of Synod.

Item. 2. This item was approved by the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That we heartily approve of the cause of the Christian Commission in the United States, and that it be hereby recommended to the pastors of all our Churches to lift collections on Thanksgiving Day, or as soon after as expedient, for this noble enterprize, and forward the amounts collected, to the Room of the Christian Commission, No. 77, West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Md., or to any other Committee connected with the Christian Commission.

The Synod, in order to give place to the services preparatory to the Lord's Supper, after being in session one hour, adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Doxology and the benediction by Rev. J. O. Miller.

SATURDAY Evening, Nov. 21st, 7 o'clock.

The special exercises, assigned to this evening by Synod, relating to the synodical commemoration of the Tercentenary Anniversary of the formation and adoption of the Heildelberg Catechism, were observed in accordance with the order proposed in the report of the Committee, except that Rev. Dr. Gerhart, in consequence of necessary absence, did not fill the duty assigned him. Deep interest in, and ardent devotion to, the doctrines of our venerable Symbol of Faith, were practically manifested; while its honorable origin, and its trials and triumphs were called into grateful and happy remembrance. The occasion was one of happy memories, of instructive entertainment, of spiritual edification, and of joyous commingling of hearts!

SUNDAY.—*The Lord's Supper.*

According to adopted arrangements, the congregation of Grace church, after appropriate divine services, celebrated the Lord's Supper at 10½, A. M. In the evening, which had been specially set apart for this purpose, the members of Synod, as the representatives of all the different sections of the entire German Reformed Church in the United States, and now for the first time assembled in the capacity of its highest Judicatory and of Eclesiastical Union, unitedly approached the sacramental altar and participated in the communion of the Lord's Supper, and thus vitally and practically confirmed the scriptu-

ral declaration, that "we, being many, are one body in Christ, and members one of another." What could have been more appropriate, hallowed and significant! The sermon on this occasion was preached by Rev. Dr. H. Harbaugh. The occasion was not only one of interest and edification, but premonitory of the future unity, oneness, devotion and prosperity of the Reformed Church.

The pulpits of sister churches in the city of Pittsburg and of Allegheny, by special request, and in accordance with appointment, were also filled, both morning and evening, by members of Synod.

MONDAY, Nov. 23d, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met, and was opened with singing and prayer by Rev. J. C. Bucher. Roll called. A quorum present. The Minutes of Saturday were read, amended and approved.

Elder John Meily, delegate *primarius* from Lebanon Classis, appeared and took his seat.

Rev. Henry W. Super, and Elders Abraham Beam and Josiah Miller, from the Classis of Westmoreland, appeared and took their seats as advisory members.

Rev. Wm. Goodrich, delegate from East Susquehanna Classis, was excused in consequence of sickness from further attendance on the sessions of Synod.

The Committee on the general subject of Orphan Asylums again submitted their report. The report was received, and, after a brief discussion and some slight amendments, adopted. It is as follows:

One of the chief blessings left to the inheritance of the body of believers by their Divine Head, the Lord Jesus, is the perpetual presence in the Church of the poor. The Holy Scriptures are verified in His word that: The poor ye have always. But doubtless chief among the poor is that class known as orphans. To the sacred care of the Church, the true mother of us all, are these left, by Him, who has declared Himself to be the Father of the fatherless, and whose holy religion, pure and undefiled, visits the fatherless and widows in their affliction.

The true Church can never be unmindful of this holy trust; and hence, we find, in all ages, living Christianity making due account of this precious legacy. As a true mother bestows the tenderest care upon the weakliest of her household; even so the Church makes it a specially binding duty to provide, with real maternal love, for the orphan, as one of the least of Christ's own; to whom, if received in His name, the giving of a cup of

cold water is by no means unrewarded. And lest the bleak world of sin should cause "one of these little ones to offend," they are to be taken into a more safe retreat, such as is of gracious right theirs, in the nurture of a Christian family. While then the State, in the order of the natural and human, creates and maintains Orphan Asylums only, the Church, warmed by the love of Jesus Christ, provides orphans that are homeless, with the gracious atmosphere and surroundings of a truly Christian household; where the solitary may be set in families, as in the Christian Orphan's Home.

This great truth of practical Christianity has come to be felt for some time, in the general consciousness of our beloved Zion—as expressed in the action of the several Classes and Synods. It is therefore no longer an open question, whether or not, we *ought to have* such institutions in the Reformed Church of this country. The only unsettled question all along would seem to have been: Whether, with all our other necessary out-lay of effort, with our few men, and small means, we could now come to assume formally and in good faith heartily, this great duty, as scripturally also included in the "every good word and work" of the Church.

Many and great hindrances, it was thought, have hitherto stood in the way of this—nearly all of these however resting back in the peculiar circumstances of our early history in this country. But these have all been doubtless so nearly overcome, that it is now high time to awake out of sleep and begin in earnest faith and hope, this great part also of our work.

An additional incentive, if one were needed to urge us to this duty, is at hand in the mournful fact: that in these times of our national troubles and terrible scourgings by war and rebellion, the number of orphans is fearfully increased—and is yet more increasing.

Now too, that in this Tercentenary Jubilee of our Reformed Church, the Lord, our Saviour, has put it into the hearts of some of our people to contribute liberally towards the special funds necessary to found, establish and successfully carry on, such a scheme of Christian benevolence; we think the fit time has fully come for this, our first General Synod, to take such official action as will not only sanction by its authority, but will also more fully draw out and give direction to, the spontaneous movements of the membership of the Church in behalf of this very worthy cause, the care of the orphan.

We may be further encouraged to take this action, because the material means for starting such institutions need not at first be very great. Indeed the beginnings of most such things had best be very small. Regard, in the way of true faith, ought first of all, to be had, for the sustaining of them, to the hand of Him who feeds the young ravens when they cry, and who is more ready to give, than his servants are to ask of Him.

Most surely will the Lord provide the Orphan's Home with its daily bread.

Then with the means furnished by liberal hearts, a small farm could be secured for each such Home; from the proceeds of which, with the labor of the larger grown inmates, these economical establishments could be in large part self-sustaining. The necessary industry of the Homes might also, to some extent, engage in the mechanic arts; but in no case, however, should the labor be carried to an extent for money making beyond that of mere incidental contribution towards self-support. And even a large endowment fund, would perhaps not be as desirable, all things considered, as the continued small gifts, flowing from the living charities of the Church from year to year—for thus itself cultivated and twice blessed, it would be realized, that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

In view of these brief considerations, and others which might be given in a more extended report, the following resolutions are therefore proposed for the favorable action of this body:

Resolved, That the General Synod of the Reformed Church, in the fear of God, and relying on His guidance and the divine blessing, hereby solemnly engages to enter upon the duty of more systematically providing Christian Homes, for the poor orphan children that may be left by His providence to our care.

Resolved, That, the general supervision and management of this whole interest be, and is hereby, committed to a General Board of Directors, consisting of five members, two of whom shall be elected at each regular meeting of the General Synod. They shall be a corporate body, and as such shall hold in trust sacredly, all funds and other property set apart for such use; and shall furnish to each regular meeting of the General Synod a full report of their trust.

Resolved, That in case the Church, for instance in a particular city, or an association of individual members, or one Classis or more, or a Synod, organize and establish a local Orphan's Home, it shall stand in auxiliary relation to the General Board, to whom, it shall annually submit a report of its operations; but such branch institutions shall nevertheless be under the immediate management, in all respects as to their particular affairs internally, of their own local Board, appointed by the interests represented in such Home, and who shall receive and use donations made to the same and to which the General Board of Directors may make grants from the General Orphan's Home Fund, and shall appropriate all the proceeds of such special gifts which may be made in favor of such particular Home.

Resolved, That whatever be the varied internal regulations

of these branch Homes, the general form of their government shall always be based on the idea of the "Christian Family," under the nurturing life of the Reformed Church, as that flows from the true faith taught in the Heidelberg Catechism.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. RUSSELL, *Chairman.*

In this connection, and by way of corroboration and recommendation, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the subject matter of providing *Homes* for the poor and destitute of our Church, be brought to the notice of the several Classes, and by them to the respective consistories of each congregation, with the view of more fully enforcing the duties devolving upon the Deacons of the German Reformed Church.

Resolved, That the Board of Directors of the Orphan Home shall consist of two ministers and three laymen.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to propose a double number of names, from which Synod shall elect the required number of Directors for the Orphan Home.

This committee consists of Rev. Dr. H. Harbaugh, and H. Williard, and Elder D. Zeller. This Committee subsequently submitted their report, which was received and adopted. The election was then held, and resulted in the choice of Rev. John W. Nevin, D. D, and Geo. B. Russell, and Elders Charles Santee, G. S. Griffith and Wm. E. Schmertz.

The Committee on the subject as to How the Synod holds its church property, submitted their report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee appointed by the Eastern Synod to report to the General Synod on the subject of Church property, beg leave respectfully to report:

That they have not as yet had time to have a formal meeting, nor yet given the subject the consideration which its importance demands. They, therefore, would ask, that this Synod would formally recognize this Committee as its own and continue it, with authority to submit a report on this subject to the Particular Synods, at their next annual meetings, and also to the General Synod at its next regular meeting, for their consideration and adoption. And in the meantime this General Synod instruct the churches or congregations within our entire limits, to carefully avoid in their titles, charters, deeds, and use of their property, anything that may endanger such Church property.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. MILLER, *Chairman.*

Thereupon, in accordance with the spirit and the recommendation contained in the foregoing report, it was,

Resolved, That the Committee of the Eastern Synod on the subject of Church property be appointed the Committee of this General Synod, and that this Committee be requested to mature an item with respect to the legal titles of our Church property, and report to the Particular Synods at their next annual meetings.

The regular order of the day for eleven o'clock, the fixing of the place and time for the next meeting of the General Synod, was taken up. The places proposed were Philadelphia, Baltimore, Buffalo, Cincinnati and Dayton.

The Synod then proceeded to vote for the place and time of holding its next triennial meeting, and the result was, that the first German Reformed Church of Dayton, Ohio, was chosen as the place, and the Wednesday before Advent Sunday, November 28th, 1866, in the evening at 7 o'clock, was fixed as the time.

The Committee on Missions submitted their report. The report was received, amended, taken up item by item, and finally adopted as a whole.

The Committee on Missions beg leave to present the following report:

In the Constitution it is expressly stated, that to the General Synod "shall belong the management of the Foreign Missions of the Church." The following action is therefore recommended:

Resolved, That the Board of Foreign Missions, as recently constituted by the Synod at Carlisle, be and is hereby constituted the Board of this General Synod.

Resolved, That this Board be enlarged by three ministers and two Elders from the Western Synod.

Resolved, That as a testimony of our gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for the revival of pure and undefiled religion among those, who have since lost in a great measure the form, as well as the power of vital godliness, and as an appreciation of the services of our Missionary—Rev. B. Schneider, D. D., we recommend to all our ministers, that they spread before their people the Lord's marvelous doings as an encouragement and incentive to more earnest prayer, and greater liberality for sustaining and enlarging our Missionary operations in that land, once consecrated by the labors of Apostles and the blood of Martyrs.

While the Constitution provides for the management of the Foreign Missions of the Church by the General Synod, it says nothing about its Home Missionary operations. We do not re-

gard this silence as designed or intended to leave these in the hands of the Eastern and Western Synods, but simply leaving it open for this body to act as in its wisdom may be most subservient to the great and vital interests involved. To secure greater unity and efficiency, it would certainly be desirable, if a satisfactory arrangement can be made, that one Board should have the control and management of the Home Missions of the Church. At a conference of the members of the two Boards present at this Synod, this whole subject was discussed, and your Committee was requested to present the following expression of their wishes and feelings in the case. These resolutions are herewith submitted for the action of this body.

Resolved, That we recommend to Synod the propriety of organizing a Home Missionary Board, with instructions to perfect a plan of operations adapted to the present necessities of the missionary work—this Board to commence its operations as soon as the Boards now existing shall have been dissolved by their respective Synods.

Resolved, That we further recommend to Synod that the Secretary of this new Board be constituted a travelling agent and general superintendent, and that his whole time be devoted to the work of Missions, and that he receive for such services a competent salary.

Resolved, That a Missionary Meeting under the direction of the President in the chair, be held in Grace Church to night for which four speakers have been appointed—Rev. Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, G. W. Williard, P. C. Prugh and J. H. Klein in the German language, and that a collection for Home Missions be taken up.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. FOULK, *Chairman.*

The election of five additional members of the Board of Foreign Missions from the Western Synod, in accordance with the second resolution of the foregoing report, was made the special order of the day for to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by Rev. J. Rebaugh.

MONDAY, Nov. 23, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met. Singing and prayer by Rev. I. S. Demund. The roll was called, and a quorum found present.

Elder H. C. Hoover, delegate from Philadelphia Classis, appeared and took his seat.

Rev. H. Wiegandt, delegate *secundus* from the West Susquehanna Classis, appeared and was admitted to the seat of Rev

L. C. Edmonds, who was excused from further attendence on the sessions of Synod.

Rev. J. Kuelling, delegate from the Maryland Classis, in consequence of illness, was excused from further attendance on the sessions of Synod.

Rev. I. S. Demund was granted leave of absence for this afternoon.

Rev. L. H. Kefauver, from the Tiffin Classis, appeared and took his seat as an advisory member.

The special Committee, to whom was referred the first item in the report of the Committee on the Minutes of the Synods, in regard to the organization of a Sunday School Association, submitted their report, which was received, and taken up item by item. But, after consuming the most of the afternoon session in discussion, the report was finally recommitted.

Synod adjourned to meet this evening at 7 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. W. E. Krebs.

MONDAY Evening, Nov. 23d, 7 o'clock.

Synod met, and opened with prayer by Elder H. Leonard,

Rev. James Reinhart, delegate *secundus* from St John's Classis. appeared and took his seat.

The Missionary Festival, in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Missions, was observed this evening in the order proposed. The exercises were possessed of interest and instruction, tending to inspire self-denying zeal and activity in the all-important cause of Missions.

On motion,

Resolved, That the taking up of a collection for Missions, as proposed in the report, be dispensed with.

Resolved, That the Synod now adjourn to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, and that the first half-hour after meeting be spent in devotional exercises.

Closed with singing and prayer by the Rev. J. B. Kneist.

TUESDAY, Nov. 24th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Synod met, and spent a half hour in devotional exercises, to the spiritual edification and enjoyment of the members.

The roll was then called, and a quorum found present. The Minutes were read and approved.

Rev. Henry M. Herman, delegate from Miami Classis, Rev. Dr. James Bossard, delegate from Sheboygan Classis, and Elder M. Zimmerman, delegate from Westmoreland Classis, were excused from further attendance on the sessions of Synod.

The order of the day for 10 o'clock, being the election of five additional members of the Board of Foreign Missions from the Western Synod, was taken up, and, on taking the vote, resulted in the choice of Rev. G. W. Williard, P. C. Prugh, D. Winters and Elders A. H. Baughman and G. G. Prugh.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod shall consist of twelve members, of whom two-thirds shall be ministers.

Resolved, That a Committee, consisting of Rev. G. W. Williard and F. W. Kremer, be appointed to nominate the persons who shall constitute the Board required in the foregoing resolution.

This Committee subsequently submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and resulted in constituting the Board of Home Missions of the following persons: Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., S. H. Giesy, N. Gehr, J. G. Wiehle, D. Winters, P. C. Prugh, G. W. Williard, J. Lichtenstein, and Elders C. Santee, J. Wiest, A. H. Baughman and G. G. Prugh.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Synods be requested to send down the following propositions to the several Classes for their adoption or rejection, namely:

1. That the last clause of the 78th Article of the Constitution be so changed as to read: "Twenty-four delegates from a majority of the Classes, representing a majority of the Synods, of whom at least one third shall be Elders, shall constitute a quorum to transact business."

2. That the second clause of Article 70th of the Constitution be so amended as to read: "Its missionary operations shall be conducted by Boards specially appointed for the purpose by the General Synod;" and that the third clause of the same Article be so amended as to read: "These Boards shall be subject to the control of the General Synod, and shall each submit to it, at its regular meetings, a faithful report of its transactions, and the state of the interest committed to its care."

2. That the words "Home and," be inserted before the words, "Foreign Missions of the Church," at the close of the last clause of the 83d Article of the Constitution.

Resolved, That the Constitution of our Church, when published in the English language with the proposed amendments, shall be translated by a competent person into the German language, making it conform more fully in *form* and *spirit* with the character of such an instrument.

The special Committee appointed on item 5 of the Minutes of the Synods, submitted their report, which was received, and laid on the table until the Committee on the subject of a Sunday School Association report.

The Committee on the consolidation of the Theological Seminaries of the German Reformed Church, submitted their report, which was received, and, after some discussion, adopted.

The Committee on the consolidation of the Theological Seminaries beg leave to report:

That, although on some accounts such a union of the two Institutions may seem desirable, they deem it inexpedient to agitate the subject of such a consolidation at the present time.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. A. BOMBERGER, *Chairman.*

Elder Peter Loose, delegate from the St. Joseph Classis, in consequence of sickness in his family, was excused from further attendance on the sessions of Synod.

Synod adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M. Closed with the Benediction by the President.

TUESDAY, Nov. 24th, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met. Prayer by Rev. Fred. C. Bauman. A quorum present.

Rev. F. Strassner, from the East Pennsylvania Classis, appeared and took his seat as an advisory member.

Elder David Zeller, delegate from Maryland Classis, and Elder Geo. Heilman, delegate from Lebanon Classis, were excused from further attendance on the sessions of Synod.

The Committee on the subject of a Sunday School Association again submitted their report. The report was received, amended and adopted.

The Committee on the subject of Sunday Schools beg leave to submit the following as their report:

In their opinion the deficiencies complained of in the minute referred to them from the Eastern Synod, in reference to the loose and, in some cases, independent relations of Sunday Schools to the congregation, as well as the deficiencies in the manner in which many of the Schools are conducted, can be best reached through the various Classes, by requiring pastors and consistories to remedy the evils complained of. In regard to an improvement in the character of some of the books used in Sunday Schools, we believe the most practicable way to

attain this object will be, by appointing a Board to whom this whole subject shall be committed.

The Committee therefore recommended the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the different Classes throughout the Church be earnestly requested to see to it, that the Sunday Schools of the Church be conducted in accordance with sound Christian principles and the order of our Church, and that the pastors in their parochial reports be required to state the position and character of the Sunday Schools under their care in these particular features.

Resolved, That a *Sunday School Board* of *eight* members be appointed by this Synod, to whom this subject shall be entrusted. They shall prepare a Constitution for their government, to be approved by the General Synod, and among other things, provide for the appointment of an Executive Committee of *five members*, to whom all books designed for general use shall be submitted for examination. No book shall be published without the unanimous approval of the Committee.

Provided, however, that nothing in this arrangement and action shall be so construed as to limit or interfere with the publication operations of either of the Synods.

Resolved, That the Board shall render a report at every meeting of the General Synod, embracing, as far as may be possible, the number, character and condition of Sunday Schools throughout our Church, the number and character of the books used, and such other information as may have bearing on the subject.

Resolved, That the proceeds of the donation of five hundred dollars by Dr. Schaff to this Synod, and which by its resolution has been appropriated for German Sunday School publications, be placed at the disposal of the above Board of Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

B. S. SCHNECK, *Chairman.*

A Committee, consisting of Rev. P. C. Prugh, Dr. E. V. Gerhart and J. Riale, and Elders H. Leonard and J. Wiest, was appointed to put in nomination the requisite number of names, to constitute the Board of the Sunday School Association. This Committee subsequently submitted their report, which was received, and adopted; and, as such, resulted in the choice of Rev. Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, Dr. E. V. Gerhart, S. H. Giesy, B. Bausman, G. W. Williard and P. C. Prugh, and Elders C. Santee and G. S. Griffith.

The report of the special Committee on Item 5 in the report on Synodical Minutes, having been laid on the table until after the reception and adoption of the report of the Committee on the subject of a Sunday School Association, was taken up, discussed and finally adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred Item 5 of the report on the Minutes of the Eastern Synod, would respectfully submit the following report:

After carefully considering the whole subject, they would recommend for adoption the resolution of said Synod, which declares: "That while according to the Constitution, the Heidelberg Catechism, alone, can be used in catechetical instruction, yet in Sunday Schools other Catechisms may be used, provided always they harmonize with our doctrinal symbol, and that the Heidelberg Catechism be brought into prominent use in all our Sunday Schools."

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. PRUGH, *Chairman.*

The Committee on the subject of the Liturgy submitted their report, which was received and considered. After considerable earnest discussion, a substitute was offered for the whole report. This substitute demanded the appointment of a committee, whose duty it should be to so revise and modify the "Provisional Liturgy," as to adapt it to the wants of the whole Church. On this form of the question, the greater part of the discussion of the whole subject was based. Pending this subject, the Synod adjourned to meet this evening at 7 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. T. P. Bucher.

TUESDAY Evening, November 24th, 7 o'clock.

The Synod met, and was opened with singing and prayer, by Rev. Dr. M. Kieffer.

The subject of the Liturgy, pending at adjournment, was resumed, and continued under discussion during the whole of the evening session, without arriving at any conclusive results.

Synod adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Benediction by the President.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 25th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met. Prayer by Rev. J. McConnell. A quorum present. The Minutes were read, amended and approved.

The regular order of business, being the subject of the Liturgy, was laid on the table for the purpose of attending to incidental matters.

Elder P. W. Dumbauld, delegate from Lancaster Classis,

(O.,) was excused from further attendance on the sessions of Synod.

Rev. H. Daniel, delegate *secundus* from Clarion Classis, was admitted to the seat of Rev. F. Wise, delegate *primarius*, who was excused from further attendance on the sessions of Synod.

Hereupon, the regular order of business, which had been laid on the table, was again taken up for further consideration. An amendment to the substitute was now offered and entertained. This amendment directed the Committee, called for in the substitute, to make the revision of the "Provisional Liturgy" on the basis of the specific instructions originally and repeatedly given to the Liturgical Committee by the Eastern Synod.

At this stage of the proceedings, and while the amendment was under discussion, the Synod adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Rev. Dr. S. R. Fisher.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 25th, 2 o'clock, P M.

Synod met. Prayer by Rev. H. Koehler. A quorum present.

The regular order of business was again laid on the table, in order to attend to the excusing of the following named brethren from further attendance on the sessions of Synod, viz: Rev. I. S. Demund, delegate from Lancaster Classis (Pa.), Rev. S. Hess and Elder D. B. Mauger from Goshenhoppen Classis, Rev. S. Mease from Miami Classis, Rev C. Cast from St. Joseph Classis, Rev. Dr. B. S. Schneck from Mercersburg Classis, and Elder J. Meily from Lebanon Classis.

The regular order of business, being the subject of the Liturgy, was resumed, and after some further discussion, the amendment to the substitute was voted upon, and carried.

The substitute, as amended, was then considered and discussed, and finally voted down.

The original report, as submitted by the Committee, was thereupon again taken into consideration, slightly amended, and finally adopted.

The Committee on the subject of the Liturgy, as referred to this Synod by the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, would respectfully report:

That they have given the subject the attention and consideration, which its importance demands. They find the subject encumbered, with many difficulties, in view of the diversity of sentiment in reference to the liturgical question. In the opinion of a majority of the Committee, it is thought that should a modification of the Provisional Liturgy be pressed upon the

Synod at the present time, there might be as much opposition to such modifications in certain portions of the Church, as there is now against the Liturgy in its present form, so that we would have as much diversity as now exists. Hence the Committee would recommend the following action:

Resolved, That the request of the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States be granted, namely, that they be allowed to prepare a Liturgy which in their judgment may be better adapted to the wants of the Church.

And whereas the Eastern Synod has also been engaged for a number of years in preparing a Liturgy adapted to the wants of the Church, and their work has not yet been finally revised, therefore,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Eastern Synod to go forward in the work of revising its Liturgy according to its own judgment, so that the General Synod may have before it also the Liturgy of the Eastern Synod in its complete form, in which they may desire it finally to appear, with a view to final action on the whole subject.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches, submitted their report, which was received, amended and adopted.

The Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches, beg leave to report:

That it seems most appropriate that our denominational correspondence should be maintained by this Synod, rather than by the territorial or particular Synods, inasmuch as we represent the entire German Reformed Church. We, therefore, recommend that terms of correspondence be proposed to the following evangelical Church bodies, and as a substitute for that now maintained by the Eastern and Western Synods:

1. With the General Synod of the Lutheran Church.
2. With the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church.
3. With the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, N. S.
4. With the Triennial Synod of the Moravian Church.
5. With the Evangelical Church Union of the West.

It is not designed, however, that this action shall be any obstacle in the way of each Synod, belonging to this body, opening special correspondence with any other Ecclesiastical Body.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. A. BOMBERGER, *Chairman.*

In accordance with the design of the foregoing report, a committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. M. Kieffer, Dr. E. V. Ger-

hart, J. C. Bucher and J. H. Klein, and Elders D. S. Arnold and H. Leonard, were appointed to report a double number of names, from which to elect the proposed Delegates. This Committee subsequently submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and resulted in the election of the following persons:

General Synod of the Lutheran Church.

Rev. B. Bausman, *primarius*, and Rev. M. Kieffer, D. D., *secundus*.

Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church.

Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., *primarius*, and Rev. S. H. Giesy, *secundus*.

General Synod of the Presbyterian Church, N. S.

Rev. D. Winters, *primarius*, and Rev. S. R. Fisher, D. D., *secundus*.

Triennial Synod of the Moravian Church.

Rev. N. Gehr, *primarius*, and Rev. M. Stern, *secundus*.

Evangelical Church Union of the West.

Rev. H. J. Rütenik, *primarius*, and Rev. Dr. J. Bossard, *secundus*.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of three ministers be appointed to open a regular correspondence with the Reformed Pastoral Conference of Switzerland, and with the Reformed Conference of Detmold, Germany. This Committee consists of Rev. John S Kessler, D. D., Rev. Prof. Herman Rust and Rev. Benjamin S. Schneck, D. D.

On motion,

Resolved, That it be made a Standing Rule, hereafter, in the election of the different Boards of the General Synod, to put in nomination a double number of names.

The Rev. F. W. Kremer, delegate from the Lebanon Classis, Rev. S. Philips and Elder Dr. S. B. Kieffer, from Zion's Classis, were excused from attending the sessions of Synod after adjournment.

Synod adjourned until this evening at 7 o'clock. Benediction by the President.

WEDNESDAY Evening, Nov. 25th, 7 o'clock.

Synod met, and was opened with singing aud prayer by Rev. I. H. Reiter. A quorum present.

The transaction of business was resumed, and a variety of matters claimed the attention of Synod, during the final session.

On motion, respecting the change of the name of our Church, om German Reformed to simply *Reformed*, the following pre-nble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, the original title of our Church was simply Re-rmed; and, whereas, the distinctive title of "German" affixed the name of our Church in America has proven itself a indrance to the success of our missionary operations in large ities and in the West—Therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod regards it as highly expedient nd important to the future history and success of our Church, at we resume the original title *Reformed*.

Resolved, That this subject be referred to the several Classes t their next annual meetings, with the request that they ac-uiesce in the erasure of the word "German," and a return to e *original distinctive* name Reformed.

Resolved, That this Synod call the attention of the Commit-e on church property to this proposed change of name, and equest them to give an opinion to the Classes by the time f their next annual meetings, whether such a change will ffect our titles, bonds and invested funds.

Resolved, That the several Classes of both the Eastern and Vestern Synods, are requested to report their action to their espective Synods.

The Committee on the State of the Church submitted their eport. The report was received, amended and adopted.

Rev. Futhers and Brethren of the General Synod of the Reformed Church:

Standing as we now do, on the threshold of a new era in the istory of our Reformed Zion, we are called in this auspicious poch to record, though it be necessarily in most imperfect ummary, the general state of our Church. Our three hundred ears of Protestant history joins us in the living communion f the Holy Catholic Church, with the goodly fellowship of he Apostles, the glorious company of martyrs and saints f all ages. And so, the ever present life of our blessed Redeemer, according to His eternal word of promise, be omes for our faith a glorious assurance, that our work, as vell as that of our fathers, shall not be in vain in the Lord; nd continuing with us also as a part of his mystical body, we hus bear his grace and salvation in the Gospel, to our ruined ace. We note the following things:

I. *Healthy life*, as doubtless at the present time, the most triking characteristic of the Reformed Church. Without at-tempting to compare with what others are, the condition of our Church, we may safely compare her present with what was ormerly her state. What we now are, is of course condi-litioned by what we have been. Whatever may have been

the case at any previous period, certainly now in all essential points, we find the Church of the Heidelberg Catechism in this country imbued with sound healthy life.

Her sufferings and trials of the past may have somewhat marred her beauty, and so sorely tried her strength as to largely absorb her efforts, and thus leave much of her work undone; yet from all these tribulations she has finally come forth as a bride leaning on the arm of her Beloved.

Rationalism and Romanism have alike failed to corrupt her; schism has in vain tried to rend her into fragmentary sects; and the leaven of foreign heretical spirits has not been able to leaven the whole lump, either as to creed or customs bequeathed to us by the fathers. But these foreign elements have themselves been condemned and, by the gracious leadings of the Holy Spirit, well nigh purged out.

Bearing the cross through evil as well as through good report, the Reformed Church to-day stands, as it must be evident to all who take the trouble to learn what she now is, full of her own peculiar life. And that life seems also to be strong and healthy. She has power to feel herself in the exercise of her normal activities. The vitalizing power of the Spirit of Christ informs and pervades her whole order of sacred rites and ordinances, as at one with the word and sacraments. No galvanized merely human stimulants are needed to move her heavenly powers; for the life that is in the vine gives life to all the branches.

Self conscious of this healthy state, she knows where to maintain her stand, and seeks more firmly to be settled and established in the faith of all Christendom on the foundation of the Apostles and prophets—and on Jesus Christ Himself, the chief corner-stone. Built up in Christian nurture, her educational system trains to a knowledge of the true God, and Jesus Christ, whom He has sent; which is eternal life.

This life has evidenced itself in a true revival, in both doctrine and devotions, not consisting in making anything new—but rather a re-inspiriting of what was already at hand in her constituted powers, and return to her doctrines, her worship, her history and her holy offices. Others, whatever be their excellencies, reveal, we think, nothing equal to this true revival of zeal and piety in the Reformed Church, in behalf of the Catholic faith and ecumenical Church history. The last score of years, the Reformed Church, small and despised as she was among the other tribes of God's Israel, was well nigh alone in her efforts to stem the tide of practical heresies, and bring again into firm and hearty use, the old creeds, old customs and old worship—not only of the Reformation as that held three hundred years ago, but back also to the beginning of Christianity itself.

It required not only strong and active life, but also the power

of faith resting on the ground and pillar of the truth, to endure what the Reformed Church suffered, in maintaining her existence in her peculiar life, customs and rites, and cultivating also a proper sense of self-respect. And now, at this first meeting of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, we find her life revealing itself in the blooming flower, brought forth in our Tercentenary Jubilee, fragrant with the perfumed memories of our fathers, the aroma of their piety, and the sweet odors of their devotion.

II. *Active and Vigorous Growth* is another mark belonging to the Reformed Church at the present time, as the result of this healthy life.

Growth in grace is a privilege and duty of the whole body of Christ; and, if we trace the workings of the Reformed Church, we will find this life making progress in vigorous activity.

The Church of the Heidelberg Catechism has been growing steadily into a consciousness of what is comprehended in her system of Doctrine. Seeking out the old paths, she strikes her roots deeper, and plants herself more firmly on the true faith. It is refreshing to consider how much stronger she is, and how much more steadily she now maintains her position in faith and charity, than was the case at the end of the first quarter of the present century.

Not only does her growth, however, give signs of doctrinal self-consciousness, but also as a consequence of practical piety, of zeal and of love. The presence of the Holy Ghost working by the Gospel through the word and sacraments, is sanctifying the Church, making more saintly her membership.

Thus we find this growing life awakening a greater zeal for the cause of missions, for beneficiary education and for our literary and theological institutions. All these kindred interests are now steadily, and, in comparison with the past, rapidly growing. No less is it true of the actual increase of the number of the ministry and the membership of the Church. Our Colleges and Seminaries graduate larger classes now than formerly.

Our people are also building larger and more churchly houses of worship; they are awakening to a sense of greater liberality, and are founding new institutions of Christian benevolence. Our missions are beginning to be established in long neglected places, and many hitherto destitute children of the Reformed Church are now supplied with the bread of life by their own spiritual mother. Our Church literature, though as yet small, just now promises to grow in bulk and variety; and has already contributed very decidedly to the value of American Theological science.

The present state of this vigorously growing life reveals, to

a considerable degree, our attainment to freedom, to unity, and to Christian love. *In dubiis libertas; in necessariis, unitas; in omnibus, charitas.*

We have now one General Synod, two district Synods, twenty-seven classes, in round numbers approximately about five hundred ministers, about twelve hundred congregations, about one hundred thousand baptized members yet unconfirmed, and about one hundred and thirty thousand confirmed members about one thousand Sunday Schools, two Theological Seminaries, one Mission House, four Colleges, besides quite a number of collegiate institutes and academies; seven religious papers, four of which are German, one monthly magazine, and now again, after two years suspension one Quarterly Review, a board of Home Missions, aboard of Foreign Missions; a Widows' Fund, and an Orphans' Home; and the amount collected during the year for her benevolent purposes will no doubt be considerably more than one hundred housand dollars.

III. *Bright Promise* for the future, seems to be another noticeable feature in the present aspect of our beloved Reformed Church.

Who that has come to feel the intense life of Zion in this joyous festival year, in which the whole Church came together in the grand convention held in Philadelphia in January last, numbering more than five hundred delegates; which has called into living exercise the more enlarged church love of almost our entire membership; and which has now brought us together from the whole Church, except the two Classes of Virginia and North Carolina, in this first general assembly of our Triennial General Synod, whose sessions have been so full of oneness of spirit, in faith, in pious zeal, and in such sweet harmony and fraternal fellowship—who that has come to feel and see all this can fail to believe, that there is for the Reformed Church, a bright and most promising future.

Her genius and spirit, broad and Catholic, positive and irenical, firm and liberal, churchly and charitable—commends her to the future of our great land—and the world. There is nothing, circumscribed or *provincial* in her constitution, which limits her to any section, or class of people. Her present limits will now not necessarily be her future bounds. She has a *right* certainly, to go where she is not now known, and bring her "only comfort in life and death," to the thousands who are willing to receive the truth of God at our hands.

Not only in the middle and central States, but in the east where the great activity of cultivated minds has exhausted itself in vain human speculations, and is now ready and longing, as was the old Greek world, to be taught positive divine truth, so as to satisfy truly, the human in the divine, has our Church a great mission for the future. And who shall esti-

mate her future in the great west, teeming with its growing millions, many of whom are fast tending to the blankest infidelity, if she will but enter in and occupy and subdue the land, to the rule of grace and righteousness? What too, may not be her mission also in the South, after the war, where many of the hitherto active Churches of our land will find it difficult, to say the least, to introduce and maintain their peculiar type of Christianity?

With our better endowed Colleges and Seminaries; with our enlarged new schemes of benevolence; with our increased and increasing ministry; with our multiplying membership; and with our growing christological literature, we may reasonably expect, if we be but faithful to our true life in its peculiar catholic heartsomeness, the fulfilment of much of this bright promise. But wo be to us, if we heed not our divine Master's call to enter heartily upon this our mission, our high and holy calling in Christ Jesus.

And now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. RUSSELL, *Chairman.*

Rev. Dr. E. V. Gerhart, delegate from the Lancaster Classis, (Pa.,) Rev. W. B. Sandoe and Rev. J. M. Le Fever, from the Sandusky Classis, and Elder H. Ruby, from the Mercersburg Classis, were excused from further attendance on the sessions of Synod.

THE OPENING SERMON.

The Committee appointed to solicit a copy, and to superintend the publication, of the sermon preached before Synod at the opening of its sessions, by the Rev. Dr. J. W. Nevin, reported, that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that they, having succeeded in securing a copy of the sermon, had 1,000 copies thereof printed in pamphlet form, which were now ready for distribution. The report was received and adopted, and the expenses involved were referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod are hereby returned to the Rev. Dr. Nevin for his able and appropriate sermon, preached before this Ecclesiastical body, and that, as a token of our high regard, fifty copies of said sermon be presented to him.

Resolved, That three-fifths of the copies of the published sermon which remain unsold, be forwarded to the Publication Office, at Chambersburg, Pa., and two-fifths to the Rev. Geo. W. Williard, Dayton, O., on sale at these respective offices.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL SYNOD.

Resolved, That 1,500 copies of the Minutes of this General Synod, duly authenticated, be published in the English, and 1,000 in the German language; and that 900 copies of the English Minutes, and 600 of the German, be apportioned to the Eastern Synod, and 600 of the English and 400 of the German, to the Western Synod.

Resolved, That the Secretaries be authorized to superintend the publication of the Minutes of this General Synod.

Resolved, That a committee of three from each of the Synods be appointed to apportion the Minutes of the General Synod among the several Classes respectively.

This committee, on the part of the Eastern Synod, consists of Rev. Jacob O. Miller and John S. Foulk, and Elder John Rodenmayer; and, on the part of the Western Synod, of Rev. Geo. W. Williard and Isaac H. Reiter, and Elder Gideon G. Prugh.

These committees subsequently attended to the work assigned them, and presented the following reports:

The Committee of the Eastern Synod, on the apportionment of the Minutes, would submit the following as their report:

Classes.	*Eng. Min.*	*Ger. Min.*
East Pennsylvania,	70	110
Lebanon,	75	90
Zion's,	110	60
Maryland,	125	50
Philadelphia,	65	35
Virginia,	10	—
North Carolina,	—	—
Mercersburg,	125	50
Goshenhoppen,	40	60
New York,	5	30
Lancaster,	100	20
East Susquehanna,	55	25
West do.	55	25
Clarion,	35	25
St. Paul,	30	20
	900	600

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB O. MILLER, *Chairman.*

The Committee of the Western Synod, on the apportionment

of the Minutes, would hereby present the following report:

Classes.	*Eng. Min.*	*Ger. Min.*
Miami,	200	45
Lancaster,	90	20
Westmoreland,	95	35
Sandusky,	90	10
St. John's,	27	105
Tiffin,	30	85
St. Joseph,	20	30
Indiana,	10	25
Illinois,	20	10
Iowa,	18	5
Sheboygan,	—	30
	600	400

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. W. WILLIARD, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the sum of thirty dollars be paid to each of the Secretaries for their services, by the Treasurer of the General Synod.

The Committee on Finance submitted their report, which was received, amended and adopted:

The Committee on Finance would respectfully report:

That, in the absence of all data, they have estimated the probable amount of the expenses of the General Synod, at five hundred dollars, including the cost of printing Rev. Dr. Nevin's sermon, which is seventy-nine dollars. And with reference to this amount, your Committee would recommend the following action:

Resolved, That of this amount of five hundred dollars, the sum of three hundred dollars be assessed on the Eastern Synod, and two hundred dollars on the Western Synod.

Resolved, That these sums, after having been apportioned by each of the Synods among the several Classes respectively, shall be paid into the Treasury of the General Synod without delay.

Respectfully submitted,
M. A. SMYTH, *Chairman.*

The committee appointed to prepare a pastoral letter to the Church, submitted their report, which was received and adopted.

The Committee on a Pastoral Letter respectfully beg leave to report:

That they have not been able to agree on such a letter, and therefore ask to be discharged.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. DERR, Chairman.

Thereupon the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That, in conformity with the admonition of the Holy Scriptures, and, in imitation of the example of our ecclesiastical fathers during the period of the Revolution, this Synod admonish the pastors and members of the churches under its care, to remember that the powers that be are ordained of God, and that it is the solemn duty of all Christians, enjoying the protection of such civil rulers, to pray for them, and that we should feel especially obligated to do so during a time of peril like that through which our beloved country is now passing.

OBJECTS OF TERCENTENARY OFFERINGS.

On motion,

Resolved, That this General Synod recommend to the Tercentenary Convention of the Eastern Synod, the *Waisenhaus zum Laemmerhirten* (the Lambs' Shepherd's Orphan Asylum), as an object worthy of a portion of the Tercentenary Offerings during this year; and whatever be contributed to this object be properly acknowledged as such.

Resolved, That the *Mission Institute* of Sheboygan Classis, (Wisconsin), be regarded as one of the general objects of the benevolence of the Church, and that it be recommended to favorable notice in the distribution of the Tercentenary Offerings.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Resolved, That this General Synod tenders its thanks to the Rev. Cyrus Cort, Geo. H. Johnston, Walter E. Krebs, Thomas J. Barkley, John I. Swander and Theo. P. Bucher, for their valuable and laborious services as reporters, in furnishing regular reports of its proceedings for the five daily papers of the city of Pittsburg.

Resolved, That we, as an Ecclesiastical body, return our thanks to the several Railroad Companies, having the roads, hereinafter named, under their control, for their kindness and liberality in permitting our delegates to pass over their roads at half fare, to wit: The Columbus and Steubenville, Allegheny Valley, Pennsylvania Central, Cumberland Valley, Northern Central, Lebanon Valley, and the East Pennsylvania Railroads.

Resolved, That, having enjoyed, during our sessions of eight days' continuance, the marked kindness and hospitality of the members of Grace Church, and of the citizens of the cities of Pittsburg and Allegheny, we, as a Synod, do hereby return our sincere and hearty thanks to them for such favors, with the prayer that the blessings of divine grace may abundantly rest upon them and their families.

Resolved, That the pastor *loci* announce this resolution from the pulpit, and the reporters report it for publication, in the daily papers of Pittsburg.

THE SEXTON REMUNERATED.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee, consisting of Rev. John Rebaugh and Elder Henry Leonard, be a appointed to take up a collection for the purpose of remunerating Mr. J. Steiner, sexton of Grace Church, for his services during the whole of the sessions of this Synod.

The Committee, in compliance with the foregoing resolution, collected the sum of $13.25, and paid over the same as directed.

The Minutes were read and adopted, and ordered to be engrossed.

The roll was called, and none were found absent without excuse, except Rev. Geo. Rettig, John I. Swander, Samuel B. Leiter, and Elders Hugh Moore, John C. Kremer and Thos. W. Chapman.

The Synod adjourned at 10 o'clock, after a harmonious, important and encouraging convocation of eight days, to meet at the time appointed. Closed with singing, and prayer and the apostolic benediction by Rev. Dr. D. Zacharias.

JOHN W. NEVIN, *President*.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Secretary*.

That the foregoing is a true copy from the original Minutes of this General Synod, is hereby attested by

ISAAC H. REITER, *Secretary*.

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Elders. Henry Loos,[6] John Meily,[7] and Eli Klopp.[8]

III. FROM THE CLASSIS OF ZION.

Rev. Jacob O. Miller, Samuel Philips, Jacob Kehm,[9] and David E. Klopp.[10]

Elders. Samuel Ziegler,[11] and Samuel Zacharias.[12]

IV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

Rev. Jesse Steiner, John S. Foulk, William F. Colliflower, Henry Wissler,[13] and Joseph W. Santee.[14]

Elders. Goldsboro S. Griffith, Martin Rickenbaugh, Daniel S. Biser,[15] Valentine S. Brunner, and Joshua Motter.

V. FROM THE CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Rev. Samuel H. Giesy, Jacob Dahlman, jr., John G. Wiehle,[16] N. S. Aller,[17] and John G. Neuber.[18]

Elders. George Gelbach, John Weist, David McWilliams, and John Garner.[19]

VI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

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VII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

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VIII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

Rev. Walter E. Krebs, William M. Deatrick, Cyrus Cort, Thomas G. Apple, and Jacob Hassler.

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[6] Obatined leave of absence on the afternoon of the fifth day of the sessions.

[7] Took his seat on the morning of the third day of the sessions.

[8] Took his seat on the morning of the fourth day, and obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the seventh day of the sessions.

[9] His seat was occupied by his *secundus*, the Rev. William F. P. Davis, from the afternoon of the third day until the afternoon of the fifth day of the sessions.

[10] Took his seat on the afternoon of the second day of the sessions.

[11] Took his seat on the morning of the second day of the sessions.

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[14] Took his seat on the afternoon of the fifth day of the session, prior to which time it was occupied from the morning of the fourth day of the sessions by the *secundus*, the Rev. John M. Titzel.

[15] Obtained leave of absence on the morning of the eighth day of the sessions.

[16] Took his seat on the afternoon of the second day, and obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the third day of the sessions.

[17] Took his seat on the morning of the fourth day of the sessions.

[18] Took his seat on the morning of the sixth day of the sessions.

[19] Took his seat on the morning of the third day of the sessions.

Elders. John P. Reed, George Besore, George Cook, Joshua L. Reifsnyder,[20] and Adam Haderman.[21]

IX. FROM THE CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

Rev. Lucian Cort, and Peter S. Fisher.[22]
Elder. Henry B. Pearson.[23]

X. FROM THE CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

Rev. Dr. George Seibert.[24]
Elders. * * * * * *

XI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

Rev. Prof. Thomas C. Porter,[25] Frederick A. Gast, Isaac E. Graeff, and Amos H. Kremer.
Elders. William H. Seibert,[26] Daniel Lefevre, Henry Hersh, and Andrew Bausman.[27]

XII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF CLARION.

Rev. Joseph H. Apple, and Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher.[28]
Elders. John Crick, and Abraham Wiant.

XIII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF ST. PAUL.

Rev. Lewis D. Leberman, Henry F. Hartman, and Abner Dale.[29]
Elder. Andrew Black.[30]

XIV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

Rev. Henry Hoffman, William C. Cremer, and Samuel Gutelius[31]
Elders. Lewis Balliet, John Balliet, and George Wykoff.[32]

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[26] Obtained leave of absence on the morning of the fourth day of the sessions.
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[28] Took his seat on the morning of the second day, and obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the seventh day of the sessions.
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XV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

Rev. Israel S. Weisz,[33] Franklin J. Mohr, and Samuel Kuhn.[34]
Elders. Henry Yearick, William Brown, and Joseph Jordon.[34]

XVI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF WEST NEW YORK.

Rev. John B. Kneist.
Elders. * * * * * *

XVII. FROM THE SYNOD OF OHIO AND ADJACENT STATES.

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CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

FROM THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PROTESTANT DUTCH CHURCH.

Rev. Robert O. Currie, D. D.

FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

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FROM THE GERMAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Rev. C. F. W. Hoppe.

FROM THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

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ADVISORY MEMBERS.

From the Classis of East Pennsylvania.—Rev. George W. Glessner, John Beck, William R. Hofford.

From the Classis of Lebanon.—Rev. David W. Wolff, Henry Harbaugh, D. D., Charles F. McCauley, Uriah H. Heilman, J. C. Julius Kurtz, John P. Stein, Charles H. Leinbach, Thomas C. Leinbach.

From the Classis of Zion.—Rev. David W. Kelley, William C. Bennet, W. F. P. Davis, John Ault, Frederick W. Vandersloot, David Bossler, Daniel Gring.

From the Classis of Maryland.—Rev. John G. Fritchey, John W. Hoffmeier, Marcus Bachman, John M. Titzel, A. S. Vaughan, E. R. Eschbach, Frederick A. Rupley.

From the Classis of Philadelphia.—Rev. Nicholas Gehr, Abraham Romig.

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[33] Obtained leave of absence on the morning of the seventh day of the sessions.
[34] Took their seats on the morning of the third day of the sessions.

From the Classis of Mercersburg.—Rev. Charles F. Hoffmeier, A. Carl Whitmer, Prof. E. E. Higbee, Philip Schaff, D. D., Samuel H. Reid, Peter S. Davis, Henry Heckerman, Benjamin S. Schneck, D. D., Nathaniel E. Gilds.

From the Classis of Lancaster.—Rev. Isaac Gerhart, Bernard C. Wolff, D. D., John W. Nevin, D. D., William T. Gerhard, Prof. Theodore Appel, Emmanuel V. Gerhart, D. D., Frederick Fox, Martin A. Smith, Albert Helffenstein, Sen., Henry Mosser, John V. Eckert, Daniel Hertz, John Naille.

From the Classis of East Susquehanna.—Rev. Ephraim Kieffer, Henry H. W. Hibschman, C. A. Rittenhouse.

From the Classis of St. Paul.—Rev. George B. Russell, D. D. Leberman, John Kretzing, David B. Ernst.

From the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States.—Rev. George H. Johnson, William A. Gring.

LICENTIATES.

Eli Hiester, John C. Hauser, L. C. Sheip.

ADVISORY ELDERS.

Resolved, That the Elders present from several pastoral charges, not delegates, be admitted to seats as advisory members.

The following Elders present were accordingly recognized as advisory members: Daniel Knaus, of the Classis of East Pennsylvania; John Heilman, and John Ermentrout, of the Classis of Lebanon; William A. Wilt, of the Classis of Zion; Charles Santee, of the Classis of Philadelphia; Adam B. Wingerd, of the Classis of Mercersburg; and Rudolph F. Kelker, of the Classis of Lancaster.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

The presence of the following ministers of other denominations was announced during the progress of the sessions:

Of the Presbyterian Church.—Rev. Mr. Powell, Mr. Alexander.

Of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.—Rev. Mr. Rosenmiller, Mr. Foght, Mr. Laird, Mr. Widekind.

Of the Episcopal Church.—Rev. Dr. Falk.

Of the Union Bethel Church, Lancaster, Pa.—Rev. Mr. Ziegler.

Of the Evangelical Union of Indiana.—Rev. J. A. Ridenbach.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Benjamin Bausman was chosen *President.*

Rev. William H. Colliflower, was chosen *Corresponding Secretary.*

Rudolph F. Kelker, Esq., was chosen *Treasurer.*

Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., is *Stated Clerk.*

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read by the Stated Clerk.

The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the present sessions:

The *Morning Session* to open at 9, and close at 12 o'clock.

The *Afternoon Session* to open at 2, and close at 5 o'clock.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the officers of the Synod be requested to revise the rules of order by which this body is governed in the transaction of its business, so that they may better conform to established parliamentary usage, and facilitate the transaction of Synodical business; and further, that they be requested to report at the next annual meeting of Synod.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed:

On Minutes of Synod.—Rev. Israel S. Weisz, Daniel Y. Heisler, George Wolf; and Elders Samuel Siegfried, and Henry Loos.

On Overtures.—Rev. Franklin W. Kremer, Frederick A. Gast, Jesse Steiner; and Elders George Cook, and David McWilliams.

On Correspondence with Sister Churches.—Rev. Lewis D. Leberman, Joseph H. Apple, Cyrus Cort; and Elders Abraham Wiant, and Daniel Lefevre.

On Minutes of Classes.—Rev. Isaac K. Loos, William M. Deatrick, Lucian Cort, Walter E. Krebs, Henry Wissler, Isaac E. Graeff, Amos H. Kremer, John B. Kniest, Franklin J. Mohr, H. Hoffman; and Elders Levi Balliet, and Henry Hersh.

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On the State of Religion and Statistical Reports.—Rev. Thomas G. Apple, N. S. Strassburger, William F. Colliflower; and Elders Goldsboro S. Griffith, and John P. Reed.

On the Theological Seminary.—Rev. William F. Colliflower, George Wolff, Jacob O. Miller; and Elders Martin Rickenbaugh, and George Besore.

On Missions.—Rev. Jacob Hassler, David B. Ernst, Joseph H. Apple; and Elders Henry Yearick, and John Balliet.

On Finance.—Rev. N. S. Strassburger, John B. Kniest, Robert Lisburger; and Elders John Crick, and William Brown.

On Nominations.—Rev. Samuel H. Giesy, Isaac E. Graeff, Jesse Steiner; and Elders Daniel S. Biser, and William H. Siebert.

On Publication.—Rev. John S. Foulk, Jacob Dahlman, jr., Lucian Cort; and Elders Valentine S. Brunner, and George Gelbach.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, to whom all matters relating to the Tercentenary operations shall be referred.

The following persons were appointed this committee: Rev. Walter E. Krebs, Joseph H. Apple, Lucian Cort, George Wolf, Daniel Y. Heisler; and Elders John P. Reed, and Joshua Motter.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. One copy of the Acts and Proceedings of the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, one copy of the Acts and Proceedings of the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, and one copy of the Minutes of the German Evangelical Ministerium of Pennsylvania, were received, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches.

2. One copy of the Acts and Proceedings of the General Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States was received, and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Synod.

3. One copy of the Proceedings of the Tercentenary Convention, held in Reading, Pa., in May, 1864, was received, and referred to the Committee on the Tercentenary Celebration.

4. The Minutes of the Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Zion, Maryland, Philadelphia, Mercersburg, Goshenhoppen, New York, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Clarion, St. Paul, and Western New York, were received, and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the reports on the State of Religion and Statistical reports, which were referred to the Committee on that subject.

5. The annual reports of the Board of Trustees, and of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, were received, and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

6. The annual reports of the Board of Domestic, and of the Board of Foreign Missions, were received, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

7. The annual report of the Trustees of Synod was received, accompanied with the report of the Treasurer of Synod, which latter report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

8. A number of other communications were received, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of the last annual sessions was dispensed with, and they were referred to the Committee on Minutes of Synod. This Committee submitted the following report, which was received and disposed of item by item:

The Committee on the Minutes of Synod beg leave to report the following items as claiming the attention of Synod:

Item 1, *page* 14. Delegates to Corresponding Bodies:

To the German Reformed Synod of Ohio and adjacent States: Rev. Joshua H. Derr, *primarius*, and Rev. John Rebaugh, *secundus*.

To the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States: Rev. Benjamin S. Schneck, D. D., *primarius*, and Rev. Nicholas Gehr, *secundus*.

To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church: Rev. Amos H. Kremer, *primarius*, and Rev. Jacob Hassler, *secundus*.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, N. S.: Rev. Charles F. McCauley, *primarius*, and Rev. Prof. Theodore Appel, *secundus*.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church: Rev. George B. Russell, *primarius*, and Rev. J. O. Miller, *secundus*.

Item 2, *page* 15. A resolution instructing the Secretary to furnish the delegate from the Reformed Dutch Church with a copy of the action of Synod on the subject of renewing correspondence between the Synods.

Item 3, *page* 16. A resolution instructing the officers of Synod to prepare a reply to a letter from the German Evangelical Church Diet, and send it in time for the next annual meeting of that body.

Item 4, *page* 43. A resolution authorizing the Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College to continue their agent in the field, until the amount raised for the College reaches $33,000, provided the amount raised beyond $30,000 be appropriated to the cancelling of Synod's claim against the Theological Seminary.

Item 5, *page* 44. The officers of Synod were appointed a committee to inform the Rev. Dr. Harbaugh of his election as professor in the Theological Seminary, and to make out a call to the professor elect.

Item 6, *page* 44. Another committee was appointed, of which the Rev. Dr. Nevin is Chairman, to install the professor elect, in case he accepts.

Item 7, *page* 44. The attention of the several Classes is called to the third article of the constitution, which limits the power of the Classes to license candidates for the ministry to only such applicants as have pursued their theological studies under their care, or as may be regularly connected with them at the time of concluding their studies.

Item 8, *page* 45. The continuation of the Committee, Rev. J. O Miller, Chairman, on the ex-Sheriff Duncan's case.

Item 9, *same page.* The Treasurer of the Theological Seminary was instructed to issue circulars to those delinquent on interest due on Plainfield bonds.

Item 10, *same page.* The instructions of Synod are renewed to those Classes, which have failed to transmit their Tutorship Bonds to the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary.

Item 11, *page* 46. The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary are requested to make the best possible arrangement to fill temporarily the place of Dr. Schaff during his absence from the Seminary.

Item 12, *page* 48. The Treasurer of the Board of Beneficiary Education is instructed to have a full and complete list of all the beneficiaries, from the origin of the present beneficiary system to the present time, made out, and to lay it before the Synod at its meeting in 1864, with a view to taking measures towards the repayment of funds from such as are under obligations to the Board, and who have the means of doing so.

Item 13, *page* 76. It is made obligatory on the Classes and various office-bearers of the Church, to endeavor to infuse the Home Missionary spirit in a larger measure into the minds of their respective people.

Item 14, *page* 77. A resolution directing that the claims of the Foreign Missions be brought by the Classes to the favorable notice of their pastors and people, and their contributions for this cause be earnestly solicited.

Item 15, *page* 85. Synod urges all delinquent Classes to make full arrangements at their next annual meetings for the immediate and complete cancelling of their indebtedness to Synod.

Item 16, *same page.* The Treasurer of Synod is instructed to pay over the $500 in cash, donated by Rev. Dr. Schaff, to the General Synod, to be invested as the German Hymn Book Fund, the interest of which shall be used for such general church purposes, as the Synod may see fit to designate.

Item 17, *page* 88. The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay the expenses of the Rev. Thomas G. Apple, incurred in attending the German Reformed Synod of Ohio and adjacent States.

Item 18, *page* 89. The Trustees of Synod are instructed to require a bond, with the proper security, from their Treasurer, for the faithful performance of his duty, as required by the previous action of Synod.

Item 19, *page* 91. An item on the subject of getting our unoccupied ministers into the work of the ministry, is referred to the several Classes, with a view to take such action thereupon as will secure the desired result.

Item 20, *page* 91. The request of Zion Classis to attach the Shippensburg charge *to that Classis*, is referred to the Classis of Mercersburg.

Item 21, *same page*. Synod urges upon all the Classes, the duty of making it a condition of admission to examination and licensure, on the part of all applicants for licensure from the Theological Seminary, that they present a regular certificate of dismission and recommendation for licensure, from the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

Item 22, *page* 97. The appointment of a Committee of five laymen, to conduct the affairs of the Printing Establishment, with Dr. Fisher as the Manager under the supervision of the committee, to report to the next Synod.

Item 23, *page* 97. The appointment of a "Publishing Committee" of five persons, whose duty it shall be either to prepare themselves, or cause to be prepared by others, such works as may be suitable for Sabbath Schools and other purposes in the Church.

Item 24, *page* 98. The Stated Clerk is instructed to have three thousand copies of the Proceedings of Synod, in the former rubric form, duly authenticated, published in the English, and two thousand copies in the German language.

Item 25, *page* 104. The Classes are instructed to adopt some efficient measures to secure the enrolment of members for the completion of the Tercentenary statistics, as early as possible, and at furthest so as to report previously to the next annual meeting of Synod.

Item 26, *page* 105. The committee appointed to prepare a digest of the proceedings of Synod, were instructed to go forward with the duty assigned them, as soon as possible.

Item 27, *page* 106. The several Classes are requested to call up the subject of ministerial support with a view of having the salaries brought up to a standard corresponding with the increased price of living.

Item 28, *page* 109. A committee is appointed, Rev. Jacob O. Miller, Chairman, to prepare a legal paper on the question as to how Synod holds its church property, to be presented to the General Synod for its information and consideration.

Item 29, *page* 109. The General Synod at Pittsburg is requested to take into consideration the propriety of the following measures:

1. The consolidation of the Theological Seminaries of the Church into one.

2. The establishment of at least two Tercentenary Professorships jointly for the seminaries.

FROM THE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL SYNOD AT PITTSBURG.

Item 1, *page* 21. A resolution that the committee of the Eastern Synod on the subject of church property, be appointed the Committee of the General Synod, and that this committee report on this subject to Synod at its next annual meeting.

Item 2, *page* 24. A resolution requesting Synod to send down to the several Classes for adoption or rejection, the following propositions, namely:

1. That the last clause of the 78th article of the Constitution be so

changed as to read: "Twenty-four delegates from a majority of the Classes, representing a majority of the Synods, of whom at least one third shall be Elders, shall constitute a quorum to transact business."

2. That the second clause of Article 70th of the Constitution be so amended as to read: "Its missionary operations shall be conducted by Boards, specially appointed for the purpose by the General Synod;" and that the third clause of the same article be so amended as to read: "These Boards shall be subject to the control of the General Synod, and shall each submit to it, at its regular meetings, a faithful report of its transactions, and the state of the interests committed to its care."

3. That the words "Home and," be inserted before the words, "Foreign Missions of the Church," at the close of the last clause of the 83d Article of the Constitution.

Item 3, *page* 25. Synod deems it inexpedient to agitate the subject of a consolidation of the Theological Seminaries of the German Reformed Church at the present time.

Item 4, *page* 26. Synod earnestly requests the different Classes throughout the Church to see to it, that the Sunday Schools of the Church be conducted in accordance with sound Christian principles and the order of our Church, and that the pastors in their parochial reports be required to state the position and character of the Sunday Schools under their care in these particular features.

Item 5, *page* 29. A resolution recommending to this Synod to go forward in the work of revising its Liturgy according to its own judgment.

Item 6, *page* 31. A resolution requesting the several Classes of this Synod to acquiesce in the erasure of the word "German," and a return to the original title of our Church—and to report their action to this Synod.

Item 7, *page* 37. A resolution assessing three hundred dollars of the expenses of the General Synod, on this body.

Respectfully submitted.

I. S. WEISZ, *Chairman.*

For the reports of the delegates to Corresponding Bodies referred to in Item 1, and the reports called for in Items 2 and 3, see Article IX., Correspondence with Sister Churches. For the result of the action of Synod, reported in Items 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, and 12, see Article XIII., Theological Seminary; Items 7, 10, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 25, 27, and Item 6, Minutes of the General Synod. see Article X., Minutes of Classes; Items 16, 17, 18, and Item 7, Minutes of the General Synod, see Article XV., Finance; Items 22, 23, and 24, see Article XIX., Publication; Items 26 and 28, and Items 1 and 5, Minutes of General Synod, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous; Item 29, see Item 3, Minutes of the General Synod, same report; Item 2, Minutes of General Synod, see Article XVI., Appeals and References, and Item 4, of the Minutes of the General Synod, see Article XVIII., Sunday Schools.

...amounts have been placed in their hands

1. A letter from Rev. John S. Kessler, from this Synod such instructions as may correspondence with the Reformed Confe with the Reformed Conference of Detmold,

2. A letter from the Rev. Samuel N. Call $32.40, which was collected at the Synod o the benefit of Rev. Benjamin Boyer, of W amount, which was placed in the hands of treasurer of St. Paul's Classis, was, for cert Rev. Mr. Boyer, with the unanimous appro

3. A letter from Rev. Jeremiah M. Mick asking Synod to excuse his absence.

4. A letter from the Rev. Dr. Schaff, S Sabbath Committee, presenting (in the na **the clerical delegates of this Synod, and dents of our Theological Seminary for gr hundred copies of Gilfillin's work on the Cl**

5. A letter from the German Evangeli convened in Toledo, Ohio, in August l unite the "Kirchenzeiting," with the "I Cleveland, Ohio.

6. A German Reformed Almanac, in tl sented to Synod, by the Rev. John B. Knie

7. A circular from Goldsboro S. Griffith. laying before this Synod the claims of the

ARTICLE IX.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SISTER CHURCHES.

I. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches would respectfully report:

That the documents placed in their hands claiming the attention of Synod, are as follows:

Item 1. A copy of the Acts and Proceedings of the 58th General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church.

This Synod convened in the city of Schenectady, N. Y. The Rev. George B. Russell, Delegate from this Synod, was present as our representative. Your Committee call the attention of Synod to the following of their proceedings:

(1.) Page 424. They received the request from this Synod through their Delegate, to make arrangements for correspondence by Delegates with the General Synod of the German Reformed Church. Action was deferred until the meeting of their Synod in 1866.

(2.) Page 424. The Rev. Robert O. Currie, D. D., was elected Delegate *primarius* to this Synod, and the Rev. Paul D. Van Cleef, *secundus*.

Item 2. A copy of the Minutes of the 117th annual meeting of the *German* Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium.

This body elected the Rev. C. F. W. Hoppe as Delegate *primarius* to this Synod, and Rev. S. B. Boyer, *secundus*.

Item 3. A copy of the Acts and Proceedings of the Synod of the German Reformed Church of Ohio and adjacent States.

This Synod convened in Canton, Ohio. The Rev. Joshua H. Derr, Delegate from this Synod, was present. They elected as Delegates to this Synod the Rev. John Vogt, *primarius*, and Rev. Thomas H. Winters, *secundus*.

Respectfully submitted,

L. D. LEBERMAN, *Chairman*.

II. REPORTS OF DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Synod of the German Reformed Church of Ohio and adjacent *States*.—The *following report* was received from the delegate to this *body:*

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States.

BELOVED FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

The undersigned would respectfully beg leave to report, that, in accordance with his appointment as delegate of your Reverend body to the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, he attended the sessions of the latter body, which held its annual meeting in May last, in Canton, Stark county, Ohio. He presented the annual Christian and brotherly greetings of your Reverend body to the Synod of Ohio, together with the renewed assurance of your deep and heart-felt interest in every thing that pertains to the prosperity and true welfare of that portion of our beloved Church, which is under the care of the latter Synod. He assured the brethren of said Synod of your unabated sympathy with them in all their intellectual and spiritual battles for the Lord, and of your constant prayers for their triumphant success. He assured them of your readiness and willingness to extend to the feeble portions of our Western Zion, such material aid as it might be in your power to give, and that in your efforts to develop an enlarged benevolence among your people, they of the West were, by no means, forgotten. Reference was also made to the rapid and substantial advancement of the kingdom of heaven within your bounds, and to the abundant blessings which the Lord has been pleased to vouchsafe to you, amid the civil commotions with which our land is visited.

Your delegate was received in the most cordial manner, and your greetings are most heartily reciprocated by the President and members of the Western Synod. In your prosperity they rejoice with you, and your expressions of sympathy and interest, are gratefully acknowledged.

The meeting of the Western Synod was a very harmonious one. Brotherly kindness and affection seemed to rule in the hearts of all, and all matters passed upon in the presence of your delegate, were disposed of with great Christian propriety and dignity. Every thing gave evidence of the fact that the Western portion of our Church is becoming more firmly consolidated in doctrine, usages, and practices. The joyful time when brethren shall see eye to eye and go hand in hand in the work of the Lord, is ever drawing nearer.

Among the many important subjects claiming the attention of this body, and which you will find spread out on its minutes, simple reference may be made to the Liturgical movement in which it is engaged. The committee on this subject reported progress, submitting, at the same time, several forms of Baptism, Preparatory services to the Lord's Supper, and for the Lord's Supper itself. These were submitted as specimens, and as the occasion for an expression of sentiments of counsel and advice. The committee expressed its growing, ever deepening sense of the magnitude and the responsible character of the work assigned to their hands, and asked for the prayers of their brethren; and the Synod, on its part, by resolution, expressed its devout sympathy and encouragement.

It was also determined, at this meeting, to issue, from the first day of January next, "The Western Missionary" in weekly numbers, perhaps in a somewhat reduced form.

The *Home Missionary Work*, of course, from the nature of circumstances, absorbs a large portion of the attention and efforts of our Western brethren, and their labors, in this respect, seem to be greatly blessed. They need all the sympathy and aid, in means and faithful men, which can possibly be extended to them from any proper source.

Gratefully cherishing the impressions made upon his mind and heart, and reciprocating the affectionate kindness of the brethren of the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, and thankful for the confidence reposed by your Reverend body, the undersigned respectfully submits his report.

Your affectionate brother in the Lord,

JOSHUA H. DERR.

General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church.—The following report was received from the delegate to this body:

The undersigned, appointed delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, begs leave to report:

That he attended to the duty assigned him. It was his privilege to meet the brethren of that Synod in general session held in Schenectady, N.Y., in the early part of June, 1864.

The reception of your delegate on the part of that body, was exceedingly cordial. The most fraternal Christian spirit was shown towards us and our Synod. They charged your delegate—in response to the Christian salutations addressed to them,—to bear back to this Synod their renewed assurance, that their branch of the Reformed family felt an unfeigned sympathy for us; and that our cordial reciprocity of fellowship in the Lord, as shown in our readiness to to re-open correspondence with them by exchange of delegates, would tend to awaken and foster a tender solicitude for our welfare and prosperity. Brotherly love, and community of interests, made them rejoice at our success. As brethren, nearly related to us, in one general communion in the Reformed Faith,—they were pleased at again seeing a representative of our Synod in their annual assembly. They also expressed the hope, that their good feeling towards us, now so happily renewed, should be continued so as to unite us and them in yet closer fellowship, until we are all at last made perfect in one Holy Church.

Their transactions of business are much in the same spirit with those of our own. They are engaged in the same kind of general church enterprises; and we might, perhaps, learn some things from them, especially in the vigorous methods of sustaining missions, and kindred benevolent operations. The minutes of their Synod will, doubtless, be laid before you.

Personally our intercourse with those brethren, so far as our brief stay among them allowed, was most pleasant and refreshing. Long will we hold in fragrant memory, their brotherly kindness and charity. And with many of them, we sincerely unite in praying for a deeper communion, and fuller oneness, between these two sister branches of the Reformed Church.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. B. RUSSELL.

General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.—The following report was received from the delegate to this body:

The undersigned, appointed delegate to the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, respectfully reports:

That the necessity of attending the meeting of this body, was superseded by the appointment of a delegate to the same body, by our own General Synod, convened in Pittsburg, in November last.

Respectfully submitted.

A. H. KREMER.

German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania.—No report was received from the delegate to this body.

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (N. S.)—The following report was received from the delegate to this body:

The undersigned, appointed as corresponding delegate to "The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church," which convened at Dayton, Ohio, in May last, begs leave to report:

That he was prevented from being present at the sessions of that body, by his attendance on the services of the Ter-centenary Jubilee, held in Reading, Pa., at the same time. And having ascertained that his *secundus*, could not leave home on account of College obligations, he discharged the duty assigned him, as fully as possible, by letter.

Respectfully submitted.

C. F. McCAULEY.

III. APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

The following persons were elected delegates to Corresponding Bodies:

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church of Ohio and adjacent States.—Rev. Samuel H. Giesy, *primarius*, and Rev. Isaac E. Graeff, *secundus*.

To the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania.—Rev. Dr. George Seibert, primarius, and Rev. Daniel X. Heisler, *secundus*.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church.—Rev. Thomas G. Apple, *primarius*, and Rev. John S. Foulk, *secundus*.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (N. S.)—Rev. Prof. Thomas C. Porter, *primarius*, and Rev. Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, *secundus*.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RELATING TO CORRESPONDENCE.

The Stated Clerk reported, that in compliance with the instructions of Synod, he had furnished the delegate from the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, with a copy of the action of this Synod in reference to the reopening of correspondence with that body.

The officers of Synod, appointed a committee to prepare and transmit a reply to the letter from the German Evangelical Church Diet, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and submitted a copy of the letter prepared and forwarded; which report was received and adopted, and the letter ordered to be incorporated in the Minutes. The following is the letter referred to:

To the German Evangelical Church Diet:

DEARLY BELOVED IN THE LORD :—The Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States, at its last Annual Sessions, held in Carlisle, Pa., in the month of October, A. D., 1863, had the pleasure of receiving your truly Christian letter of July 13th, 1863, and has instructed us, its officers, to return you a suitable reply. The discharge of this duty is to us a truly grateful service. We love to commune with Christian brethren, and especially with such as occupy the high position amongst God's chosen heritage, which is freely accorded you by all who sincerely love our common Lord and Saviour.

Your words of cordial greeting and expressions of warm sympathy fell gratefully upon our ears, and found a ready response in our hearts. We, too, can truly say, that we feel deeply interested in every thing that concerns the progress of Christ's kingdom in your midst, and heartily rejoice at every thing that betokens growing success. Our sincere prayer is, that your ecclesiastical organization may long exist, to prove itself abundantly instrumental, under God, in advancing vital godliness among the people whom you represent.

The past year has been to us one of special interest and importance, as a branch of the Church of Jesus Christ. As is known to you, we have been engaged, as a Church, in a Tercentenary Celebration, in honor of the formation and adoption of the Heidelburg Catechism. It has been our purpose, from the beginning, to endeavor, under Divine direction, to turn the occasion to profitable account in various ways. It was feared, at first, that the unhappy civil war, in which our beloved country has become unfortunately involved, would seriously interfere with the successful carrying out of our plans. We are happy to be able to say, however, that our fears in this direction have not been realized to any great extent. The Church entered heartily into the

occasion, and carried it vigorously forward in the midst of all surrounding difficulties; and the results, as far as they have been developed, are most happy, and have exceeded our most sanguine expectations. It would occupy more time and space than are usually allowed to a communication of this kind, to enter into particulars with any degree of minuteness. We must content ourselves with giving only a very brief outline of the results as far as they have yet become tangible, and that substantially as they were summed up by the General Convention held in Reading, Pa., in connection with Trinity Sunday last, for the purpose of bringing the Tercentenary Celebration to a formal close.

1. The Celebration has brought out into fuller and clearer light the origin of the Reformed Church, and her relation to the Lutheran and other confessions of the Reformation period, and awakened in her own bosom a deeper consciousness of her own true life and character.

2. It has done much towards placing her in her right position among the other Protestant Churches of the United States of America.

3. The Heidelberg Catechism has been clothed with new honor and authority; and it has become more clearly seen and deeply felt, that the Apostles' Creed, the ancient symbol of Christendom, is its basis and ruling power.

4. It has revived and strengthened a historical spirit, and effected a more intimate union with some of the most eminent representatives of the evangelical theology of our Fatherland, who have heartily cooperated with us in this commemoration.

5. It has led to the publication of the first Triglott edition of the Heidelberg Catechism and the first critical English translation of the same; and, in its "Tercentenary Monument," both German and English, embodying the Proceedings of the Opening Convention in Philadelphia, Pa., January, 1863, and the several Theological Essays read on that occasion, it has furnished the Church with a faithful record of one of the most interesting and important events in its history, and also with truly valuable and permanent theological literature.

6. It has contributed largely to the funds of the various benevolent institutions of the Church, and added considerably to the endowment funds of our literary and theological institutions, and thus enabled them to increase the number and efficiency of their Faculties. In the Synod represented in the closing Convention, the sums realized, as far as reported, amount to $103,018, of which Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, received over $30,000 and the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, over $20,000. The reports have not all yet fully come in, and nothing definite has yet transpired as to the results realized in the Synod, which occupies the territory of the great West of our country. A spirit of enterprise and liberality has been awakened among the ministry and membership of the Church, which gives most cheering promise for the future. A Church Extension Fund has been created, and several Orphan Asylums inaugurated, one of which, located in Philadelphia, is already doing essential service.

7. We may yet add, that it has brought the Church to a clearer consciousness of its theological mission, confirmed it in its importance, and laid upon it new obligations to go forward in the fulfilment of this mission.

You will, doubtless, rejoice with us in the happy issue thus far, and cordially unite your prayers with ours, that this may be, as we confidently hope it will be, under the Divine blessing, only the commencement of still more happy and hopeful results yet to come.

We have already trespassed upon your time and patience. Still, we cannot close this communication without expressing the earnest desire of the Reformed Church in the United States, that the interchange of cordial greetings and well wishes, which has been, to us, at least, so agreeably carried forward during the past few years, may be long continued, and grow in interest and importance; and, at the same time, giving utterance also to our most hearty wishes for your continued peace and prosperity, both as a Christian Association and as individuals.

C. F. McCauley, *President*,
Reading, Pa.
Samuel R. Fisher, *Stated Clerk*,
Chambersburg, Pa.

June 13, 1864.

A letter was reported by the Committee on Overtures from the Rev. Dr. John S. Kessler, in which he solicited from Synod instructions in regard to the opening of a correspondence with the Reformed Church of Switzerland, and the Reformed Conference of Detmold, Germany. The letter was referred to a committee, consisting of the Rev. Prof. Thomas C. Porter, N. S. Strassburger, Cyrus Cort, and Elders George Besore and William Brown. This committee submitted the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee appointed to report upon the correspondence of the Synod with certain foreign religious bodies, such as the Reformed Conference of Germany, the Reformed Conference of Detmold, and the Reformed Prediger-gesellschaft, and Protestant Hülfsverein of Switzerland, recommend:

That, inasmuch as the Rev. Dr. Kessler, who was intrusted with the task of carrying on this correspondence, has failed to receive answers to his letters, in some cases, and stands in doubt as to the address in others; and, inasmuch, also, as the matter of foreign correspondence, belongs more properly to the General Synod; such correspondence on the part of this Synod, be discontinued for the present, and the committee discharged.

THOS. C. PORTER, *Chairman*.

On the afternoon of the fifth day of the sessions, the Rev. Dr. Robert O. Currie, delegate from the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, took his leave of Synod in a brief address, to which the *President cordially* responded in behalf of Synod.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on the Minutes of Classes submitted their report, which was received and disposed of item by item. The report is as follows:

The Committee on Minutes of Classes would respectfully report the following:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

1. East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Zion's, Maryland, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, and New York Classes fail to furnish evidence on their minutes that the Elders who appear as delegates had presented proper credentials, according to Article 47.

2. Maryland Classis suspended from the holy ministry Rev. William Ida, of Baltimore, without giving him the benefit of a regular trial.

3. The Classes of Virginia and North Carolina failed to furnish Synod with a copy of their minutes.

4. The minutes of Philadelphia Classis afford no evidence on their face of having been adopted by Classis.

5. The Mercersburg Classis held a special meeting, June 14th, 1864, at which there is no evidence that a quorum was present, inasmuch as the only lay delegates present were not members of the annual meeting, and seem not to have presented any credentials of their appointment.

6. West Susquehanna Classis omits to give the names of the Committee who were appointed to ordain and install the licentiate William M. Reily.

7. Zion's Classis omits the resolution in the case of the installation of Rev. Daniel Ziegler.

8. Lancaster and East Susquehanna Classes failed to present their minutes in convenient form.

9. Lebanon Classis installed the Rev. Dr. Thomas S. Johnson over the St. John's Church, Lebanon, Pa., before Synod had acted on his reception, according to Article 53 of the Constitution.

10. Same Classis elected the Rev. Dr. Johnson as delegate *secundus* to Synod before his reception was sanctioned by Synod.

11. St. Paul's Classis failed to furnish Synod with a copy of their minutes of one of their special meetings.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Maryland Classis requests Synod to adopt the Heidelberg Catechism as the only text book in her Sunday Schools.

2. The same Classis requests Synod to consider the expediency of establishing a Classis in connection with the Aintab Mission.

3. Mercersburg Classis respectfully overtures Synod to take mea-

sures to change the Constitution of the Church as follows, viz: that in chapter ii. sect. 1, art. 43, after the word "congregation" in the second sentence, the following clause be inserted: "Which candidate shall be a minister in regular connection with the Synod."

4. The same Classis concurs in the General Synod's recommendation to this Synod to go forward in the work of revising the Provisional Liturgy.

5. Philadelphia Classis requests Synod to take immediate steps to have the German Professorship in the Theological Seminary, vacated by the leave of absence granted to Rev. Dr. Schaff, filled by a German Professor.

6. The same Classis requests Synod so to rearrange the Board of Visitors to the Theological Seminary as to allow said Board to be constituted similarly to the Board of Domestic Missions, and to be composed of two ministers from each Classis, who shall be elected biennially by the Classis, and who shall promise to attend faithfully to the duty incumbent upon them.

7. Zion's Classis appointed a committee to bring to the notice of Synod a complaint against Rev. Mr. Conoway, of the Lutheran Church, for interference with the interests of the German Reformed Church at Dallastown.

8. The same Classis recommends to Synod to increase the salaries of the Theological Tutor to at least $600.

9. The same Classis requests Synod to permit the Mechanicsburg charge to devote their Tercentenary offering of $100 to their new church in the course of erection.

10. The same Classis requests that the expenses incurred by the publication of the minutes of the Synod may be diminished at least one half.

11. East Susquehanna Classis requests Synod to designate what other Catechism may be used besides the Heidelberg Catechism.

12. New York Classis requests Synod to have the Provisional Liturgy translated as soon as possible.

13. The New York Classis requests that the $75 which stands on the face of the minutes of Synod as a debt of said Classis on the Theological Seminary Assessment, shall no more appear there.

III. APPEALS.

Rev. William C. Bennet appeals to Synod from the decision of Zion's Classis in the case of the Boiling Springs Church difficulty.

IV. SYNOD'S REQUESTS TO CLASSES.

1. Classes generally accede to the requests of Synod with regard to the licensing of candidates for the ministry, the Theological Tutorship, Tercentenary offerings, salary of Ministers, reading of Synod's report on the state of religion and morals to congregations, the claims of Home and Foreign Missions, the contingent dues of Synod, the

Church Almanacs, the election of only such delegates to Synod as will remain to the close of its sessions, a new statistical column for benevolent contributions, unemployed ministers, and the Christian Commission. Classes indebted to Synod have adopted measures for the payment of their dues.

2. Mercersburg Classis refuses to comply with the request of Zion's Classis, sent down by Synod last year, that the Shippensburg charge be attached to Zion's Classis, and reiterates its request of two years ago, that Miller's Congregation be attached to the Shippensburg charge.

3. The requests of the General Synod in regard to the Orphans' Home and the Sabbath School interests were generally complied with.

4. The action of the different Classes, on recommendation of the General Synod, to return to the original name of the Church by the omission of the word German, is as follows:

Yeas—East Pennsylvania, (provided such change will not injuriously affect the title to our Church property,) Mercersburg, East Susquehanna, St. Paul's, Lebanon, Zion's, and Maryland Classes—7.

Nays—Philadelphia, West Susquehanna, Clarion, West New York, and New York Classes—5.

Goshenhoppen Classis took no action on the subject, and Lancaster Classis postponed final action to its next annual meeting.

V. LICENSURE, ORDINATION, RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSIONS.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis received Rev. George W. Glessner from Mercersburg Classis; licensed and ordained Edwin J. Fogle; and dismissed Rev. Frederick Strassner to Tiffin Classis, Ohio.

2. Lebanon Classis received Rev. Charles H. Leinbach from West Susquehanna, Rev. Benjamin Bausman from the Mercersburg Classis, and Rev. Thomas S. Johnson, D. D., from the 3d Presbytery (N. S.) of Philadelphia; licensed and ordained John P. Stein, and dismissed Rev. Reinhardt R. Schmidt to the Classis of East Susquehanna.

3. Zion's Classis dismissed Licentiate Elijah B. Wilson to Mercersburg Classis; Licentiate John Kretzing to St. Paul's Classis, Rev. Theodore P. Bucher to Miami Classis, Rev. Henry Mosser to Lancaster Classis, Rev. George E. Addams to East Susquehanna Classis, Licentiate William A. Gring to Westmoreland Classis, and Licentiate William M. Reily to West Susquehanna Classis.

4. Maryland Classis licensed Harrison Getzendanner; received Revs. A. S. Vaughan and Joseph S. Loose from Mercersburg Classis, and Licentiate Marcus Bachman from Philadelphia Classis; dismissed Rev. Emmanuel Böhringer to Philadelphia Classis, and Rev. John H. Wagner to Westmoreland Classis of the Western Synod. The same Classis suspended from the office of the Holy Ministry Rev. William Ida, of Baltimore.

5. Mercersburg Classis received Rev. Richard P. Thomas, Cyrus Cort, and E. E. Higbee from Westmoreland Classis, Rev. Peter S. Davis from Philadelphia Classis, and Licentiate Elijah B. Wilson from Zion's Classis; dismissed Rev. Joseph S. Loose to Maryland Classis, Rev.

George Seibert to New York Classis, Rev. Jacob Mayer to West Susquehanna Classis, Rev. Joseph Hannabery to Lancaster Classis, Synod of Ohio, Rev. William R. H. Deatrich to Zion's Classis, Rev. Bernard C. Wolff, D. D., to Lancaster Classis, Rev. George W. Glessner to East Pennsylvania Classis, and the Licentiate Josiah May to Tiffin Classis, the Licentiate William H. H. Snyder to Sandusky Classis; ordained George Seibert, Adam Carl Witmer, and Elijah B. Wilson to the Gospel Ministry.

6. Philadelphia Classis received Rev. Antione von Püchelstein from the Reformed Church of North Austria, Rev. Daniel Gans from Lancaster Classis, Rev. Jacob Dahlman, Sr., from the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, and Rev. Emmanuel Böhringer from Maryland Classis; dismissed Rev. Peter S. Davis to Mercersburg Classis; licensed J. Conrad Hauser and Marcus Bachman; and dismissed the Licentiate Marcus Bachman to the Maryland Classis.

7. Goshenhoppen Classis received Rev. Lucian Cort from the East Susquehanna Classis; licensed Samuel M. K. Huber, William M. Landis, and Edward S. Sheip; and dismissed the Licentiate Edward S. Sheip to the West Susquehanna Classis.

8. Lancaster Classis received Henry Mosser from Zion's Classis; licensed and ordained Frederick Fox; dismissed the Rev. Isaac S. Demund to the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, and the Rev. Daniel Gans to the Philadelphia Classis.

9. East Susquehanna Classis received Licentiate Reinhard R. Schmidt from Lebanon Classis, Rev. John W. Lescher from East Pennsylvania Classis, and Henry W. Hibschman from Westmoreland Classis.

10. West Susquehanna Classis received the Licentiate Edward S. Sheip from Goshenhoppen Classis, Licentiate William M. Reily from Zion's Classis, Rev. Jacob Mayer from Mercersburg Classis; ordained Licentiate Edward S. Sheip; and dismissed Rev. Charles H. Leinbach and Rev. J. Caspar Bucher to Lebanon Classis.

11. Clarion Classis dismissed Rev. Elias D. Shoemaker to Westmoreland Classis, and Rev. C. A. Limberg to St. Paul's Classis.

12. St. Paul's Classis licensed and ordained David D. Leberman. The same Classis received the Licentiate John Kretzing from the Zion's Classis, and ordained him to the Holy Ministry.

13. The New York Classis received Rev. Dr. George Seibert from Mercersburg Classis, and dismissed Rev. Andrew Schröder to the Classis of Bergen, Reformed Protestant Dutch Church.

IV. ANNUAL MEETINGS OF CLASSES.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis will meet in Mertztown, Berks county, Pa., on the first Tuesday in June, 1865, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Rev. William Helfrich, *President*, and Rev. N. S. Strassburger, *Stated Clerk*.

2. Lebanon Classis will hold its next annual meeting at Myerstown, Lebanon county, Pa., *on Friday* evening after Ascension day, at 7½

o'clock, P. M. Rev. Benjamin Bausman, *President*, and Rev. Jonathan E. Hiester, *Stated Clerk*.

3. Zion's Classis will hold its next annual meeting in Landisburg, Perry county, Pa., on the third Friday in May, 1865, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. Daniel Ziegler, *President*, and Rev. Samuel Philips, *Secretary*.

4. Maryland Classis will hold its next annual meeting in Burkettsville, Frederick county, Md., on Friday preceding Trinity Sunday, 1865, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. John G. Fritchey, *President*, and Rev. William F. Colliflower, *Stated Clerk*.

5. Philadelphia Classis will hold its next annual meeting at Brownback Church, Chester county, Pa., on Tuesday after Whitsunday, June 6th, 1865, at 7½ oclock, P. M. Rev. Samuel H. Geisy, *President*, and Rev. Jacob Dahlman, Jr., *Stated Clerk*.

6. Mercersburg Classis will hold its next annual meeting in Shippensburg, Cumberland county, Pa., on Friday before the third Sabbath in May, 1865, at 7½, P. M. Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, *President*, and Rev. William M. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk*.

7. Goshenhoppen Classis will hold its next annual meeting at Friedensburg, Berks county, Pa., on the first Friday before Ascension day, 1865, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Rev. David Rothrock, *President*, and Rev. William G. Engle, *Secretary*.

8. Lancaster Classis will hold its next annual meeting in Lincoln (late New Ephrata), on the third Friday in May, 1865, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev. Isaac E. Graeff, *President*, and Rev. Frederick A Gast, *Stated Clerk*.

9. East Susquehanna Classis will meet in Danville, Montour county, Pa., on the fourth Wednesday in May, 1865, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. David W. Wolff, *President*, and Rev. William Goodrich, *Stated Clerk*.

10. West Susquehanna Classis will meet at Lewisburg, Union county, Pa., on the third Thursday in May, 1864, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. William H. Groh, *President*, and Rev. David G. Klein, *Stated Clerk*.

11. Clarion Classis will meet in Zion's Church, Redbank township, Clarion county, Pa., on the last Thursday in May, 1865, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Rev. Joseph H. Apple, *President* ,and Rev. Joseph S. Shoemaker, *Stated Clerk*.

12. St. Paul's Classis will hold its next annual meeting in Harmony, Butler county, Pa., on the first Thursday in June, 1865, at 7, o'clock, P. M. Rev. David B. Ernst, *President*, and Rev. Lucian J Mayer, *Stated Clerk*.

13. New York Classis will hold its next annual meeting in the Evangelical Reformed Zion's Church of Rahway, N. J., on Wednesday after Pentecost, 1865, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. John F. Busche, *President*, and Rev. Oscar Lohr, *Stated Clerk*.

14. West New York Classis will hold its next annual meeting at

Dansville, N. Y., on Thursday after Pentecost, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. Deatrich Willers, *President*, and John B. Kniest, *Stated Clerk*.

Respectfully submitted.

ISAAC K. LOOS, *Chairman*.

For the action of Synod on the items reported as Irregularities and Requests Nos. 1, 3, and 9, see Article XVI., Appeals and References; on Request No. 2, see Article XIV., Missions; on Requests Nos. 4, 7, and 12, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous; on Requests Nos. 5, 6, and 8, see Article XIII., Theological Seminary; on Requests Nos. 10 and 11, see Article XIX., Publication, and on Request No. 12, see Article XX., Finance. For the result of the appeal reported, see Article XVI., Appeals and References.

The remaining items in the report were adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE, AND ORDINATION.

Application for licensure was made in behalf of Messrs. John G. Noss, William D. Lefevre, William Rupp, Calvin U. Heilman, Simon S. Miller, Tilghman J. Seiple, Jacob F. Snyder, and Charles O. Knepper, from the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, and James A. Schultz, from the Union Theological Seminary, New York. They are referred to the Committee on Examination, Licensure, and Ordination. This Committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Examination would respectfully submit the following report:

The following named young gentlemen appeared before your Committee for Examination and Licensure: John G. Noss, William D. Lefevre, William Rupp, John A. Schultz, Calvin U. Heilman, Simon S. Miller, Tilghman J. Seiple, Jacob F. Snyder, and Charles O. Knepper. The Committee received a certificate from the Secretary of the Board of Visitors, stating that these young gentlemen were members of the senior class of the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, that they completed a full course of study in the Seminary, and were dismissed with the view of obtaining Licensure at the Synod convened in Lancaster, Pa. Your Committee examined these applicants in all the studies prescribed by the Constitution and report that their examination is satisfactory, and we hereby recommend them to Synod for Licensure.

Mr. John G. Noss, having a call to labor in a missionary field, and Mr. William D. Lefevre, having received a call from the Sulphur Spring charge, desire ordination during the sessions of this Synod.

SAMUEL PHILIPS, Chairman.

The officers of Synod were instructed to furnish the young men with certificates of Licensure, on their signing the Formula, as prescribed by the Constitution.

Rev. Jacob O. Miller, George Wolf, N. S. Strassburger, William M. Deatrick, and Jesse Steiner were appointed a committee to ordain Messrs. Noss and Lefevre. It was ordered that the ordination take place on the evening of the seventh day of the sessions. The following report was received from the committee on Ordination, and adopted:

The committee appointed by the Synod to ordain the Licentiates, John G. Noss and William D. Lefevre, respectfully report:

That they attended to the duty assigned them, on Thursday evening, October 27, in the First Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa.

Respectfully submitted.

J. O. MILLER, *Chairman.*

Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, Lucian Cort, and Elder David McWilliams were appointed a committee to ascertain under the supervision of what particular Classes the young men licensed at this Synod should be placed. This committee submitted the following report, which was adopted:—

The committee appointed by Synod to ascertain under the supervision of what particular Classes the young men should be placed, who were licensed to preach the Gospel during the present sessions of Synod, would recommend the following action, viz: That Simon S. Miller be placed under the supervision of the Mercersburg Classis; William D. Lefevre under that of Zion's Classis; Calvin U. Heilman under that of Lebanon Classis; James A. Shultz and William Rupp under that of Lancaster Classis of this Synod; Thomas J. Scriple under that of Philadelphia Classis.

The committee would further recommend that Jacob F. Snyder and Charles O. Knepper be dismissed to the Westmoreland Classis; and John G. Noss, after his ordination by Synod, to the St. Josephs' Classis of the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, and that the President and Stated Clerk of Synod be instructed to furnish these young brethren with the proper credentials to those Classes.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. M. DEATRICK.

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports submitted their report. It was received, amended, and then adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on the State of Religion beg leave respectfully to submit the following report:—

BELOVED FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—It is a cause of great thankfulness and gratitude, that we have been permitted once more to meet in our annual synodical capacity. In times like these, when the very foundations of civil order are shaken, and every interest of society placed in jeopardy, we regard it as a marked favor of Divine Providence that nothing has occurred to prevent us from assembling together. True, we must report, with sorrow, this year, as was reported last year, that two of the Classes within the bounds of this Synod were not able to be represented in our present meeting. Our cordial sympathy is extended to the brethren of the North Carolina and Virginia Classes, and our prayers are offered for their protection and welfare, though we do not see them face to face. Though absent, they are not forgotten. With these two exceptions, the Classes are all duly represented. The delegates bring with them their reports on the state of religion and morals within the bounds of their respective Classes. These reports have been placed in the hands of your Committee, and, from as careful an examination of them as our time and circumstances would allow, we have gathered the material for this imperfect report. The period of time embraced in these reports extends from the spring of 1863 to the spring of 1864. Some things, therefore, are referred to, in the reports, which occurred months before the last meeting of Synod, and which have already become old in our memory; whilst occurrences of a more recent date cannot be referred to, because they do not come before us in an official way.

The first point which, in our opinion, merits consideration, and which calls for our devout gratitude, is the fact that, during the ecclesiastical year above defined, nothing has occurred to interrupt seriously the general operations of the Church, or the regular ministrations of our ministry, except, perhaps, to some extent, within the bounds of the two Classes not represented in Synod. This is remarkable, when we consider that during this period the civil war which convulses the nation has continued to rage with unabated fury. Over a portion of the territory embraced within the bounds of three of the Classes, marched two large armies, and within the bounds of one of them they engaged in one of the greatest battles of modern times. In many of our churches, the sound of the cannon has come unbidden to mingle in strange discord with the sounds of prayer and praise. In one of the Classes, reference is made to the fact that during a considerable portion of the year hostile forces have continued to march and countermarch, like the surging of the billows of the storm-washed sea. While some Classes have been the scene of actual hostile conflict, all of them speak of the influence upon the Church of the awful curse of civil war now raging in our land. Yet, with all this, the operations of the Church have *gone steadily forward* without serious interruption. Congregations *have regularly* assembled on the Lord's day to engage in

the holy duties of Christian worship. The word has been regularly and faithfully preached, and the holy sacraments administered. Amidst scenes of commotion and bloodshed, the precious consolations of the everlasting gospel of joy and peace have been brought home, through the divinely appointed means of grace, to the hearts and minds of our people.

The religious training of the young, and their catechisation, with a view to their preparation for confirmation, have been attended to. As a result of these labors, we are permitted to report a truly encouraging number of additions to the Church of our faithful Saviour Jesus Christ.

By referring to the statistical summary herewith presented, it will be perceived that during the year the accessions to the Church by holy baptism and by confirmation amount to ten thousand and nineteen (10,019), while the loss from death and excommunication amount to, the former 3,309, the latter 11, in all 3,320. We are justified, therefore, in saying that the Church has not only held its own, but enjoyed a very encouraging increase, during a year of extraordinary trial and peril. A number of the reports speak of new congregations established, old charges divided,—thus constituting new charges,—and new churches having been built.

There have not been wanting, in the nature of the case, sad difficulties with which the Church has had to contend. The demoralizing influences of an unnatural war, intense political excitements and prejudices,—these have continually thrust themselves forward to disturb the peace and prosperity of the Church. Yet its peace and prosperity have not been materially disturbed. The power of the religion of our Lord and Saviour has proved itself victorious in subduing the distracting powers of the world. To what are we to attribute these truly gratifying results? Doubtless, first, to the merciful care and protection of the Great Head of the Church, who has graciously fulfilled His promise, "Lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the world." We have enjoyed the fulfilment of His word, "In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." Can we, indeed, doubt that in times of war, as in times of peace, He upholds, defends, and preserves us by His almighty power and grace?

But we attribute this merciful preservation under Christ, in the second place, to the strong and healthy condition of our Church life. We cannot but regard the terrible commotions of the present times as a trial, not only of our civil and political institutions, but also of our common Protestantism. While we continue steadfastly to hope and pray for the preservation of the former, we have some good evidence that our own denomination still continues to stand firmly before the storm. To be truly loyal, as we are, rendering all due respect and obedience to the powers that be, and which are of divine authority, and yet avoid being swallowed up in the maelstrom of mere party politics,—this is the problem which has continually challenged solution.

That we have been able, to so considerable an extent, to solve it, and to stand firm, we attribute largely to the impregnable character of our peculiar theological and religious life as a Church. This, under God, has, we sincerely believe, saved us, many a time, from being overwhelmed by perils from within, and it is now proving its strength in saving us from terrible dangers from without. In times like these, when the night is dark overhead, and the storm rages wildly around us, our faith in the continual presence of the divine-human Saviour, in the supernatural character of His Church, and the vital bonds, stronger than all merely earthly bonds, by which we are held together, comes home to our heart of hearts as never before. United with the glorious company of the Apostles, the goodly fellowship of the prophets, and the noble army of martyrs, standing in the blessed communion of the saints of all ages, we feel hopeful in believing that no earthly or infernal power can rend asunder our union.

A third influence, which has continued to shed upon us its peaceful and serene light, is, undoubtedly, the departing Tercentenary year. It has passed already into the history of the past, but it has left behind it a truly hallowed power. Was it not to us, in these sad times, an angel of peace and mercy, like the angel sent to strengthen our suffering Saviour in the struggles of dark Gethsemane? And, as it took its departure, was it not with a truly heavenly benediction left to rest upon us as we go on our way towards the next,—perhaps the heavenly jubilee at the end of all earthly trials and conflicts? The reports all speak of the serene and peaceful influence left behind by this commemoration year. Its hallowed memories still remain with us as a thing of beauty, which is a joy forever. It has taught us how the roots of our Church life reach back into the Christian past, while our branches reach out to the Christian future; and led us to have stronger faith in the permanence and stability of the Church. Still does the record of the revolution period of the old Palatinate come to remind us, that this is not the first convulsion through which the German Reformed Church has thus far safely passed. May the same good Lord and Saviour, who protected us thus signally in our infancy and childhood, continue to keep us safely to a good old age, even until our humble mission as a Protestant denomination has been fulfilled!

During the past year, some of our brethren and fathers have taken their departure from us, to enter upon the joys of the heavenly state. Maryland Classis records the death of Elias Heiner, D. D., in October, 1863. The report beautifully says: "Loved as few pastors are loved, he happily maintained the confidence and affection of his people to the very last, even when society was agitated and convulsed to its very centre, estranging and alienating the best of friends. Dying in the triumphs of that faith which for a long period of years he maintained, he now lives in the grateful recollection of his brethren who linger behind."

Lebanon Classis records the death of Father Thomas H. Leinbach.

After a long and successful ministry, he peacefully fell asleep, and rests from his labors. The Classis feels the loss of his experienced and ripe judgment in their counsels, and Synod also turns to the vacant seat which he was accustomed to fill in its body. His amiable Christian spirit, and his great zeal for the welfare of our Zion, which suffered no abatement even in old age, will not soon be forgotten by the Church.

Still one more death is recorded. East Pennsylvania notes the death of Rev. Charles G. Herman. During the year, he, too, "laid aside his travelling garb and pilgrim staff," and entered into his eternal state, where toil and labor are at an end.

These deaths remind us, beloved fathers and brethren, that the time of life and labor to each one of us is rapidly hastening to its close. The venerable fathers still lingering with us will soon be gone, and those who come after them will take their places only, in turn, to follow them on this last journey.

Thankful to the Great Head of the Church for His care over us during the trials of the past year, we are about to enter upon the perilous future. What better can we do than to commit ourselves to Him as a Church, that He may defend us from all evil, and lead us safely on in our appointed work? With such a prayer, and such an act of faith, we need have no fear. Light will shine around our pathway in the midst of surrounding darkness, until we are led safely through these trials to the consummation of the work intrusted to our hands.

Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS G. APPLE, *Chairman.*

[*For Statistical Report, see Appendix.*]

The following religious exercises were observed during the sessions of Synod:—

1.) The sessions of each day were opened and closed with religious exercises.

2.) A Committee on Religious Exercises was appointed, consisting of the Rev. Amos H. Kremer, Henry Mosser, Frederick A. Gast, and Elders Daniel Lefevre and Andrew Bausman, who submitted the following report, which was adopted:—

The Committee on Religious Exercises beg leave to offer the following Report:

Religious exercises for Friday afternoon:

Hymn, by Rev. Walter E. Krebs;
Prayer, by Rev. Albert Helffenstein, Sen.;
German address, by Rev. John B. Kniest;
English address, by Rev. Prof. E. E. Higbee;
Prayer, by Rev. John W. Hoffmeier;
Hymn, by Rev. Martin A. Smith;

Friday evening, sermon by Rev. Dr. H. Harbaugh;
Saturday afternoon, sermon by Rev. John B. Kniest;
Saturday evening, sermon by Rev. E. R. Eschbach.

Services on Sunday:

English sermon, at 9¼ o'clock, by Rev. Franklin W. Kremer.

German Communion service at 10½ o'clock; sermon, by Rev. Jacob Dahlman.

Sabbath School services at 2 o'clock; addresses by Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh, and Elder John Wiest.

English Communion service in the evening; sermon, by Rev. Sam'l H. Giesy.

St. Paul's German Reformed Church.—In the morning, installation of Rev. Henry Mosser; sermon, by Rev. Daniel Y. Heisler. Evening service; sermon, by Rev. Samuel Philips.

College.—Rev. Prof. E. E. Higbee.

Trinity Lutheran Church.—*Morning*, sermon by Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff. *Evening*, sermon by Rev. Jacob Hassler.

St. John's Lutheran Church.—*Morning*, sermon by Rev. Cyrus Dieffenbacher. *Evening*, sermon by Rev. Lucian Cort.

Presbyterian Church.—*Morning*, sermon by Rev. Walter E. Krebs. *Evening*, sermon by Rev. Jesse Steiner.

St. Paul's Methodist Church, (South Queen street.)—*Morning*, sermon by Rev. George Wolf. *Evening*, sermon by Rev. Wm. F. Colliflower.

Union Bethel Church.—*Morning*, sermon by Rev. Israel S. Weisz. *Evening*, sermon by Rev. Franklin J. Mohr.

Methodist Church (Duke street.)—*Morning*, sermon by Rev. Isaac K. Loos. *Evening*, sermon by Rev. Albert G. Dole.

Respectfully submitted.

A. H. KREMER, *Chairman.*

The religious exercises for Friday afternoon were ordered to take place at 3 o'clock. At the time appointed, these religious exercises were observed in the order proposed by the Committee. The several other appointments were filled by the persons to whom they had been assigned.

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. REPORTS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND VISITORS.

(*a*). *Report of the Board of Trustees.*

The following report was received from the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary:—

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States, convened in Lancaster, Pa.

DEAR BRETHREN:—In the providence of God, we have been called upon, with our Church at large, within the past year, to mourn the death of William Heyser, our late President, and Charles Hartman, our late Vice President of this Board.

Bro. Heyser was known to you all as one of the most efficient laymen in our Church. He was a man full of the spirit and life of the Church, having served her in filling many important offices with ability, and especially so for many years the Presidency of this Board. His clear mind, strong faith, and untiring zeal will long be cherished by us, hoping that God may qualify us who remain, for the work, and enable us to follow his example of self-devotion to our Master's service. Bro. Hartman was also a man of strict integrity and moral worth. These brethren having held out faithfully to the end, have, doubtless, according to our Saviour's promise, received the crown of life.

The only meeting of this Board held during the past year, was the annual meeting at Greencastle, on the 5th inst., at which time it elected D. W. Gross, President, and George Besore, Vice-President, and appointed them to prepare and present this Report. George Cook was re-elected Secretary, and A. B. Wingerd was re-elected Treasurer.

The Rev. Dr. Harbaugh, elected at your meeting, in Carlisle, to fill the Chair of Didactic and Practical Theology in place of Rev. Dr. Bernard C. Wolff resigned, has been at his post since April last.

The Rev. Prof. E. E. Higbee, appointed by the Board of Visitors to fill the vacancy caused by the leave of absence for two years granted to Dr. Schaff, removed to Mercersburg and entered upon his duties on the first of May last. These brethren are laboring faithfully and efficiently; but in consequence of the advanced price of all the necessaries of life, their salaries are inadequate to their support. The Board instructed us to request Synod to increase their salaries at least *two* hundred dollars per annum.

The Seminary, we are happy to say, is in a prosperous condition financially; in proof of which we herewith submit the Treasurer's Report, which is full and satisfactory.

A communication was received from the students of the Seminary, asking, on account of the advanced price of boarding, books, fuel, &c. to be relieved from the obligation of paying room rent from the 1st of May, 1864. Their petition accompanies this Report and is brought before you at the request of our Board.

A letter from the Rev. Dr. Schaff to the Treasurer, having reference to his Ter-centenary donation to the Library of the Seminary, is herewith brought to the attention of Synod.

The Rev. Dr. E. V. Gerhart, President of Franklin and Marshall College, appeared before the Board, with a view of effecting an adjustment of the claim held by the said College against the Theological

Seminary. After making a full statement of the history connected with said claim, the subject was fully discussed, when, on motion, the following action was had:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by this Board to confer with a similar committee of Franklin and Marshall College in regard to this claim, and to take such action in the premises as they may deem proper, either by a final settlement or by bringing the subject to the attention of Synod, and that D. W. Gross, George Besore and A. B. Wingerd constitute said committee."

The Committee from our Board met the Executive and Finance Committee of the College yesterday. After having made a full statement of the case to said College Committee, they agreed unanimously to recommend to the College Board at its next meeting, the cancellation of said claim as a matter of justice and equity to the Seminary, and the Seminary Committee agreed to pay over to the College Board the outstanding assessments, made years ago to pay this debt, as far and as soon as they shall be collected. We hope this action will be approved by Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

D. W. GROSS,
GEO. BESORE.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Church.

GENTLEMEN:—

I herewith submit my annual report, as Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, from October 1st, 1863, to October 1st, 1864.

The income from the Seminary investments, has been a little larger this year than last. This is owing to an increase in bank dividends. The disbursements have also been larger than usual, owing to extra expenses incurred by the removal of the new professors, and an item of extra salary, ordered by Synod to be paid the Theological Tutor.

The total receipts for the year are $2,397.76, which, with a balance of $202.30 in the Treasury, amounts to $2,600.06. The total disbursements amount to $2,536.25. There is a balance in the Treasury of $63.81.

There has been paid, principal on Plainfield bonds, $950.00, which is in the Treasurer's hands.

On the Synodical Appointment account, there have been received $476.75, which, with a balance of $206.66 in the Treasury, amounts to $683.41. Of this $200 has been paid on the College note, leaving still in the Treasury a balance of $483.41.

The income from the Theological Tutorship fund amounts this year to $621.59. There has also been principal $500.00 paid in. The disbursements have been $300.00. There was a small balance due

the Treasurer by this account last year, deducting which, there remains in the Treasury the sum of $301.98, which will not be sufficient indeed to pay the second year's salary of the foreign-resident Tutor, unless some arrangement can yet be effected by which the high premium can be somewhat reduced. Of the Tutorship Fund, $1000 have been invested in U. S. Five-Twenties.

It affords the Treasurer much pleasure to refer the attention of the Board to the handsome Tercentenary contributions that have come into his hands during the year. These contributions amount to $10,042.11. Of this sum, $5,350.00 is already invested in the notes and bonds of the donors. The remainder was paid in cash.

In addition to this, the Treasury will receive a considerable sum from the Treasurer of the Unappropriated Funds, which was appropriated by the Convention in Reading, to the Theological Seminary.

The Treasurer takes great pleasure in reporting this highly prosperous condition of the finances of the Seminary.

Respectfully submitted.

A. B. WINGERD, *Treasurer.*

Theological Seminary in account with A. B. WINGERD, *Treasurer, from October 1st, 1863, to October 1st, 1864.*

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Interest on Plainfield Bonds.

Rev. J. W. Hoffmeir, 3.50; Rev. Daniel Gring, 24; Waynesboro charge, 6; H. Fouk, 18; Christ Church, 12; Elias Gump, Esq., 17.50; Rev. Dr. B. C. Wolff, 12; John Cessna, 36; Dr. J. P. Hiester, 18; A. K. Shriver, 18; David Wolff, 18; Rev. G. W. Glessner, 18; Abraham Weisel, per Esqr. Gump, 5; Rev. W. F. Colliflower, 9; Rev. W. K. Zieber, 10; Elias Davis, 54; Jacob Dick, 48; A. Leize, 42; Yellow Creek Church, 6; Rev. T. Fouse, 6; Rev. J. D. Zehring, 6; John and George Hoffer, 6; John Dittman, 3.....		$395 00

Dividends and Interest.

Kieffer Fund,.....	$570 00	
Keller Fund.....	300 00	
Bank Dividends,.....	880 66	
Sundry Investments,.....	251 10	
		2,001 76

Principal of Plainfield Bonds.

Rev. J. W. Hoffmeier, 50; Joseph Renninger, 400; John Cessna, 100; J. P. Hiester, 100; Elias Davis, 100; Jacob Dick, 100; A. Leize, 100.....		950 00

Miscellaneous.

Balance from last year,.....		$202 [illegible]
		$3,550 00

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To Cash paid Dr. P. Schaff,	$250 00	
" " Dr. B. C. Wolff,	500 00	
" " Dr. H. Harbaugh,	750 00	
" " Prof. E. E. Higbee,	500 00	
Moving Expenses of Dr. Harbaugh,	100 96	
" " Prof. Higbee,	125 29	
Paid Extra Salary to Tutor Reily,	200 00	
Treasurer's Salary, paid for keeping books,	100 00	
Stationery, Postage, &c., including printing blanks,	10 00	
Principal in hands of Treasurer,	950 00	
		$3,486 25
Balance to New Year,		63 81
		3,550 06

Synodical Apportionment Account.

DR.

PHILADELPHIA CLASSIS.

Race Street Congregation, Philadelphia,	$295 25	

GOSHENHOPPEN CLASSIS.

Rev. P. S. Fisher, 100; Rev. D. Rothrock, 22 50,	122 50	

LEBANON CLASSIS.

First Church, Lebanon, 44; St. John's, 15,	59 00	
Balance from last year,	206 66	
		$683 41

DR.

Paid on College Note,	$200 00	
Balance to new Year,	483 41	
		$683 41

Theological Tutorship Fund.

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East Pennsylvania Classis, per Rev. J. Beck, 30; Rev. Dechant & Bro., 30; R. F. Kelker, 35 83; East Susquehanna Classis, 30; Jno. Weist, 30; W. E. Schmertz, 60; Rev. Dr. B. C. Wolff, 12; West Susquehanna Classis, 7; Philadelphia Classis, 35: Maryland Classis, 45; Zion's Classis, 100; Mercersburg Classis, 60; W. A. Good, 1 St. John's Church, Lebanon, 2; Rev. J. D. Zehring, 8; Lebanon Clessis, 30; Goshenhoppen Classis, 30; Interest on Principal invested in Five-Twenties, (1,000), 76 76; R. F. Kelker, principal, 500		$1,121 59

DR.

To Cash paid Rev. W, M. Reily,	$300 00	
Balance due Treasurer last year,	19 61	
Principal in hands of Treasurer,	500 00	
Balance to New Year,	301 98	
		$1,121 59

Tercentenary Offerings.

1863.		
Oct. 22	Wentz's Charge, (cash),	$50 00
Nov. 19	Miss Catharine Kunkle,	100 00
1864.		
January,	Greencastle Congregation, Miss C. Gross, 100, and Rev. Looses' family, 22, (cash),	122 00
Feb. 17	L. H. Steiner,	50 00
" 26	Rev. J. Caspar Bucher's family, (cash),	50 00
	Carried over,	372 00

1864.		Amount brought over,	372 00	
March	12	First Reformed Church, Baltimore, (Note of Mr. Griffith),	510 00	
"	"	St. Paul's Congregation, Lancaster, (cash),	14 00	
April	1	Rev. F. A. Rupley, Middletown Cong., (cash)	250 00	
"	11	Rev. J. M. Titzel, Emmittsburg Charge, (cash)	200 00	
"	20	Rev. D. Willers, New York, (cash),	25 00	
"	22	J. A. Mertz, W. S. Classis, (cash,)	7 31	
"	28	Robert Schaffer, dec'd, Middletown,	1,840 00	
May	14	Mrs. Mary Schnebly, (cash),	1,000 00	
"	"	Daniel Zeller, Esq., (cash),	1,000 00	
"	"	Geo. Besore, Esq., (note),	500 00	
"	"	Jno. Wiest, Esq., (bond),	1,000 00	
"	26	Rev. W. K. Zieber, Hanover Charge, (cash),	724 15	
"	"	Rev. M. A. Smith, Hummellstown Ch., (cash),	160 85	
"	"	Rev. J. Beck, Easton Charge, (cash),	139 00	
"	"	Rev. I. K. Loos, Mt. Bethel, (cash),	50 00	
"	"	Rev. C. F. McCauley, one family, (cash),	33 00	
Rev D. Weiser, (bond, not bearing interest till death),			500 00	
A Friend of the Seminary, (Theological Library),			250 00	
John Meily, (bond, Theological Library),			500 00	
Philip Fisher, (bond, Theological Library),			500 00	
Rev. W. M. Datrick, Friends' Cove,			130 00	
Rev. J. W. Santee, Cavetown,			125 00	
Rev. J. Hassler,			129 30	
First Church, Reading, 80, and G. Wolff, 2 50,			82 50	
				10,042 11
Received from D. W. Gross, Esq.,				4,855 64
Interest from Jno. Wiest.,				120 00
				$15,017 75

(b). *Report of the Board of Visitors.*

The following report was received from the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary:—

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in Lancaster:

DEAR BRETHREN:—The Seminary has continued in a prosperous condition, notwithstanding the special difficulties with which it had to contend during the last year. About the 21st of January, 1864, Rev. Dr. Schaff retired temporarily from the Seminary, on a leave of absence granted to him by the Synod of Carlisle. The Board of Visitors invited Rev. Dr. Harbaugh, professor elect of Dogmatic and Practical Theology, to fill his chair until spring, which invitation he kindly accepted. In the spring Dr. Wolff retired from the Seminary and Dr. H. Harbaugh entered regularly upon his duties as his successor. At the same time, Rev. E. E. Higbee, of Pittsburg, in response to the call of the Board of Visitors, entered upon his labors in the department of Church History and Exegesis, to fill the vacancy caused by the absence of Dr. Schaff. Although the regular term of the Theologic Tutor, Rev. William M. Reily, had expired, he consented, at the request of the Board, to remain another session. It is submitted to Synod whether some compensation, in addition to the usual salary, should not be allowed the Tutor for these services. It will thus be seen that there was been no vacancy in the Faculty, nor in

terruption in the studies of the Seminary, notwithstanding the changes that have taken place.

Rev. Mr. Gring, the Tutor elected at the Synod of Carlisle to succeed Mr. Kerschner, in Europe, after due deliberation, informed the Board that, in view of certain difficulties, he was not able to accept the appointment. Mr. Kerschner concluded to remain in Europe six months beyond the regular time, and the Board have no information of his having returned as yet to this country. His services are much needed at this time in the Seminary.

The operations of the Seminary have gone forward regularly and prosperously during the last session. Notwithstanding the excitement and alarm produced along the border, during a greater part of the summer, by the threatening position of the rebel army under Gen. Early, the studies of the Seminary were not interrupted for a single day. A portion of this army passed through Mercersburg, on their way to burn Chambersburg, during the vacation in the Seminary, but they did no injury to any of the Seminary property.

The following students have been connected with the Seminary during the year: William Rupp, Andrew J. Heller, John G. Noss, Simon S. Miller, Calvin U. Heilman, William D. Lefevre, Jacob F. Snyder, Marcus Bachman, J. Conrad Hauser, Tilghman J. Seiple, J. C. Kieffer, Charles G. Fisher, James A. Schultz, Darius W. Gerhardt, Thomas F. Stauffer, William C. Haupt, John A. Hoffheins, Eusebius H. Dieffenbacher, Frederick Pilgram, Joseph H. Schlappig, John W. Ebbinghaus, John W. Bentz, Josiah J. Pennypacker, L. K. Evans, Samuel A. Leinbach, John Von Haagen, Andrew J. Bowers, William A. Haas, Levi D. Steckel, Daniel W. Wolff. Total, 30.

The Board attended the usual examinations at the close of the Winter term, and also at the close of the scholastic year in July. The examinations were highly satisfactory. The faculty report that the German Society has been successfully maintained, and that several classes have been pursuing the study of the German language with commendable zeal and diligence. The instructions of the Seminary also embrace a regular course of lectures on the Heidelberg Catechism.

Altogether, the Seminary has been in a prosperous condition. In the midst of special difficulties and trials, it has pursued the even tenor of its way, continuing to send out new laborers into the vineyard of the Lord.

Some action was taken a year ago, by Synod, in reference to publishing the names of all beneficiaries who have not yet refunded the moneys received by them from the Church. After due consideration of the subject, the Board respectfully requests Synod to refrain from publishing these names. It is thought that the necessary information may be obtained, and the object in view secured, in some other way.

The Board also request the Synod to give them permission to change the sessions of the Seminary so as to have one long session, and one long vacation, if they deem it best. It has been represented that the students can thus do more for their own support.

The affairs of the Board of Education are now in a flourishing condition. The old debts are all paid off, and there is a balance in the Treasury of about $1200. As the annual appropriation to the beneficiary students has been increased on account of the high prices of living, and as the Tercentenary year is now past, it will be necessary that the contributions to this cause shall be continued in a liberal way.

THOS. G. APPLE, *Sec. of Board.*

The following is the Treasurer's Report, accompanying this document:

Board of Education of the German Reformed Church, in account with SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Treasurer.*

1863.		CR.	
Oct.	22	By balance in Treasury	$535 87
Nov.	4	" proceeds of Coupon	14 55
		" by note Rev. Dr. H., paid	18 35
		Received from Rev. D. Weiser	33 00
		" " **John S. Foulk**	**50 00**
		" " J. Naille	15 50
		" " J. G. Fritchey	55 00
	11	" " J. B. Kneist	3 25
	18	" " J. W. Santee	37 00
		" " A. B. Shenkle	22 00
		" Race Street Church, Philadelphia	20 00
Dec.	2	" Rev. D. Y. Heisler	20 42
	9	" " Gantenbein	50 17
		" " J. B. Kneist	8 05
		" " L. K. Deer	20 00
		" " A. L. Dechant	11 25
	16	" " J. Rebaugh	10 00
		" " H. Heckerman	100 00
		" " J. Zeigler	12 75
1864.			
Jan.	6	" " H. Mosser	12 51
		" Misses C. & S. Loose	10 00
	13	" Rev. F. Rupley	50 00
		" " F. W. Kremer	16 00
	20	" Race Street Church, Philadelphia	15 00
		" Rev. J. Sechler	10 00
	27	" " W. M. Deatrick	50 00
		" " C. F. Hoffmeier	2 75
		" " J. W. Santee	20 00
Feb.	10	" Miss A. C. Rahouser	2 00
		" Rev. H. Mosser	7 50
	24	" " J. Hassler	6 00
		" " J. B. Kneist	5 10
		" " J. Gantenbein	23 00
		" " Cyrus Becker	18 00
	22	" S. S. Apple, refunded	182 00
		Carried forward	$1,548 17

1864.		Amount brought forward	$1,548	17
March	2	Received from Rev. N E. Gilds	45	00
	16	" Miss S. A. Wolff.	10	00
	23	" Rev. J. D. Zehring	6	50
	30	" " W E. Krebs	20	00
April	6	" " J Beck.	15	00
	13	" Hamburg Congregation	7	05
	20	" Rev. Dr. J. S. Kessler	11	37
		" " D. Y. Heisler	36	73
	27	" West Susquehanna Classis	75	00
		" First Church, Lebanon Pa	32	30
		" Rev. E. Eschbach, First Church Baltimore	172	50
		" " D. Zeigler	36	50
May	4	" " F. A. Rupley, Middletown Cong.	100	00
	11	" " W. E. Schmertz	50	00
		" " R. Good, refunded	240	00
	18	" " W. M. Deatrick	17	00
		" " T. Fouse	17	00
		" " J. E. Hiester	13	20
		" Grindstonehill charge	5	00
		" Rev. E B. Wilson	4	00
		" " W. E. Krebs	50	00
		" " C. F. Hoffmeier	32	87
	25	" Race Street Church, Philadelphia	114	50
		" Rev. A. J G Dubbs	22	27
		" Jacob M. Bockius	5	00
		" Rev. J. Hassler	100	00
June	8	" Chambersburg Congregation	106	10
		" Rev. J. B. Knipe	50	00
		" " S. G. Wagner	184	50
		" " P. S. Fisher	25	00
		" " L. K. Derr	20	67
		" " J. Dahlman, Jr.	55	00
		" " G. W. Aughinbaugh	50	35
		" " J. Beck	200	00
		" " I. K. Loos	50	00
		" " A. J. Herman	10	00
		" " N. S. Strassburger	15	75
		" " J. Naille	6	00
		" " W R. Hofford.	10	00
	15	" " J Kehm.	23	00
		" Dividend Harrisburg Bank	22	50
July		" Rev. D. Gring.	22	50
		" A. Dechant	5	00
	13	" Rev D. Rothrock	27	30
	27	" Tercentenary Con. H. M. Norristown	5	00
Sept.	7	" Mite Society, St. John's Church, Lebanon.	41	25
	21	" Rev. D. Gring	20	00
		" " H. Mosser	9	75
Oct.	5	" " A. C Whitmer	4	25
		" John Wiest	140	00
	12	" Rev. J. Sechler.	30	00
	19	" " S. G. Wagner	31	00
		" " C. Z. Weiser	35	00
		" " G. E. Addams	10	00
		" John Wiest	297	00
		Carried over	$4,298	88

1864.		Amount brought over	$4,293 88
Oct.	26	Received from C. Santee	100 00
		" C. Wannemacher	3 00
		" J. Y. Deitz	1 00
		" W. L. Garver	1 00
		" A. L. Kaub	5 00
Oct.	26	" G. L. Lentz	50
		" S. R. Fisher & Co., interest	38 33
			$4,442 71

Board of Education of the German Reformed Church, in account with SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Treasurer.*

1864.		DR.	
Oct.	26	To amount paid beneficiaries as per vouchers	$2,166 90
		" " principal on loans	1,000 00
		" " interest on loans	43 90
		" " expenses allowed	5 00
		Error in account of last year	2 48
		Balance in Treasury	1,224 43
			$4,442 71

II. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary, to whom the foregoing reports, together with the request of the Classis of Zion to increase the salary of the Theological Tutor, the request of the Classis of Philadelphia in regard to filling the vacancy in the second professorship created by the leave of absence of the Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff, the report of the Committee appointed by the General Convention to mature a plan for endowing a third professorship in the Theological Seminary, and several items from the report of the Committee on Tercentenary Operations were referred, submitted their report, which was received, taken up item by item, amended, and then adopted. The report, as adopted, is as follows:—

The Committee on the Theological Seminary beg leave to submit the following report:—

1. *The Report of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary.*

From this report the Committee learns that two of its members, viz., William Heyser, late President, and Charles Hartman, late Vice-President, have been called from their labors on earth to their reward in heaven. In the death of these brethren, the Board and the Church have lost two of their most active, efficient, and devoted members.

From the same report, we learn, that the professorships have been filled; and, in consequence of the increased rates of living, the Synod is requested to increase the salaries of the professors at least $200 per annum.

This report also calls the attention of the Synod to a petition from the students of the Theological Seminary, in which they request to be relieved from the obligation to pay room-rent in the Seminary building from the 1st of May, 1864, in consequence of the advanced prices of boarding, books, &c.

The same report calls the attention of the Synod to a letter from the Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff, in which he informs the Treasurer that he has placed about 700 volumes of theological, religious, and miscellaneous books on the shelves of the library, to cover the second half of his Tercentenary donation of $500, and the damages of books destroyed at Greencastle. 513 volumes are labelled, "Theological Library of the German Reformed Church, Tercentenary Donation of P. S., 1863." Besides, he has added a number of pamphlets and manuscripts, Mitchell's large Map of the United States, and other maps, and also a large and superior globe, imported from Germany. The doctor, at a moderate charge, values these books at $1,000, or double his promised donation; consequently he believes that the Board ought to allow him $300 to make up for the difference,—which amount, he thinks, might be appropriated from undesignated Tercentenary moneys.

The same report also states, that there has been an adjustment of the claim held by Franklin and Marshall College against the Theological Seminary, by the joint Committees appointed for this purpose. The College Committee agree unanimously to recommend to the College Board, at its next meeting, to cancel said claim, as a matter of justice and equity to the Seminary; and the Seminary Committee agree to pay over to the College Board the outstanding assessments made years ago to pay this debt, as far and as soon as they shall be collected.

The Committee would recommend the following resolutions for adoption:—

Resolved, That the salaries of the professors be increased, for the time being, two hundred dollars per annum; the increase of salary to date from the time they entered upon their duties.

Resolved, That the request of the students of the Seminary, in regard to the payment of room-rent, be referred back to the Board of Trustees, to act in the matter as, in their judgment, they may deem expedient and proper.

Resolved, That we appreciate the generous gift of Dr. Schaff to the Seminary Library; yet, inasmuch as there are no funds at our disposal for this purpose, we are not now prepared to accept of the proposition in reference to the additional volumes, maps, globe, &c., under the circumstances.

Resolved, That the action of the Board in the adjustment of the claim held by Franklin and Marshall College against the Seminary be approved, and that the Synod enjoin upon the delinquent Classes to make immediate efforts to pay up all backstanding assessments, with interest from January 1st, 1858, to the Theological Seminary, and that the Treasurer be requested to make out the account against each delinquent Classis.

2. *The Report of the Board of Visitors.*

This Board reports that the Seminary has continued in a prosperous condition, and that its interests have been successfully carried forward without interruption. The Rev. H. Harbaugh, D. D., has entered upon the duties of the Seminary to which he has been called. The Board has filled the temporary vacancy caused by the absence of the Rev. Dr. P. Schaff, in the appointment of the Rev. E. E. Higbee, of Pittsburg, Pa., who entered upon the discharge of the duties of his appointment in May last. The term of the Theological Tutor, Rev. William M. Reilly, expired last spring; but, at the urgent request of the Board, he continued his labors to the close of the fall session. From the arrangements thus made, there was no interruption in the duties of the institution, notwithstanding the changes which have taken place up to this time. The Rev. Mr. Gring, the Tutor elected at the Synod at Carlisle, to succeed the Rev. Mr. Kershner, in Europe, has declined his appointment.

This Board has also under its care the cause of Beneficiary Education. From the report, we learn that the affairs of the Board are in a prosperous condition. The old debts have been paid, all appropriations promptly met, and a balance of about $1,200 in the Treasury. They have increased the appropriation of beneficiaries, on account of the high prices of living. They urge the necessity of the churches to increase their contributions to this object. The Board, after due consideration, respectfully requests Synod not to publish the names of beneficiaries who have not refunded the moneys received from the Church, as the object may be reached in another way.

The Board also asks Synod to give them the privilege of changing the sessions of the Seminary, so as to have one long session and one long vacation, if they deem it best.

The Committee would recommend the following for adoption:—

Resolved, That the action of the Board, in appointing the Rev. E. E. Higbee to fill the temporary vacancy in the Seminary, be approved.

Resolved, That the appointment of a Travelling Tutor be deferred for the present.

Resolved, That, inasmuch as the Rev. Mr. Kershner, the Travelling Tutor, has not yet returned from Europe, the Board of Visitors be authorized to fill the vacancy in the Seminary until his return.

Resolved, That the respective Classes be earnestly requested to enlarge their contributions for Beneficiary Education.

Resolved, That the Board of Visitors be allowed to change the sessions of the Seminary, if they deem it proper.

3. *The Minutes of the Tercentenary Convention at Reading, and the Report of the Committee of that body.*

From the Minutes of that body, and the report of its Committee, we learn that it is the wish of the Convention that the Synod at its present session establish a third theological professorship in the Seminary at Mercersburg, to be called "The Tercentenary Professorship."

From the same paper, we learn, that the membership of the Church have placed in their hands, during the Tercentenary year, and they have sent to us for our disposal, $11,000, specified for the use of the Seminary; besides $10,000 of *undesignated* funds, more than half of which can be made available for the use of said Seminary, and which they have dedicated to the same purpose, and put at our disposal. From this wish, so plainly expressed, and these funds placed at our disposal, your Committtee are of the opinion that the following action should be adopted:—

Resolved, That this Synod will, and hereby do constitute a third professorship in the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, to be known as "The Tercentenary Professorship."

Resolved, That the $11,000 designated, and all of the $10,000 undesignated that can be realized, be, and hereby are appropriated to the endowment of the aforesaid Tercentenary Professorship, except so much of these funds as may be needed to complete the endowments of the Seminary sufficient to meet present increased expenses, and that the Treasurer of the Seminary shall immediately invest the same securely, under the direction and control of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, together with the annual interest, until the sum of $20,000 shall be secured.

Resolved, That all donations hereafter made to the Seminary, not designated, shall be appropriated to the fund so invested, until the sum aforesaid of $20,000 has been raised.

Resolved, That so soon, and not before, as this endowment is completed, shall a third professor be selected to fill said chair.

Resolved, That when the third professorship shall be fully established, one of the three professorships in the Seminary shall be a German professorship.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. F. COLLIFLOWER, *Chairman.*

III. ELECTION OF THE BOARDS CONNECTED WITH THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The following persons were chosen members of the Boards of Trustees and Visitors of the Theological Seminary:—

Board of Trustees.—George Besore, Henry Ruby, Joshua Motter, David Zeller, George Cook, Daniel W. Gross, George Z. Kunkel, Adam B. Wingerd, Barnard Wolff, Martin Rickenbaugh, James Cushwa, Stephen B. Kieffer, John W. Coon, and John McDowell, of the former Board, were retained. In the place of those omitted, the following persons were elected: Wm. Heyser, jr., John Zellers, Samuel B. Snively, and Daniel S. Biser.

Board of Visitors.—Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Fisher, Amos H. Kremer, Charles F. McCauley, Jacob Hassler, Frederick A. Rupley, Thomas G. Apple, Joseph W. Santee, Benjamin Bausman, and Isaac G. Brown, of the former Board, were retained. In the place of those omitted, the Rev. Dr. Benjamin S. Schneck, Walter E. Krebs, and Peter S. Davis, were elected.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RELATING TO THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The officers of Synod appointed a committee to inform the Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh of his election as Professor of Didactic and Practical Theology, in the Theological Seminary, and make out a call to him, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The officers of Synod appointed a committee to inform Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh of his election as Professor of Didactic and Practical Theology in the Theological Seminary, and make out a call to him, respectfully report that they discharged the duty assigned them, and that Dr. Harbaugh accepted the call extended to him.

The committee take the privilege also of stating, that they received a communication from Rev. William Augustus Gring, in which he expresses his high appreciation of his election by the Synod to the Theological Tutorship, and a regret that unavoidable circumstances compelled him to decline the appointment.

Respectfully submitted.

C. F. McCAULEY,
SAML. R. FISHER.

The committee appointed to install the Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh, as Professor of Didactic and Practical Theology, in the Theological Seminary, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:—

The committee appointed to inaugurate the Rev. Dr. Harbaugh as Professor of Theology in the Seminary at Mercersburg respectfully report, that this duty was performed with appropriate services in the First Reformed Church of Reading on the 24th day of May last, during the meeting of the Tercentenary Convention in that place.

J. W. NEVIN, *Chairman.*

The committee, continued by the last Synod, to prosecute the claim of the Synod against the estate of ex-Sheriff Duncan, of York County, Pa., submitted the following report, which was received and adopted, and the Committee continued:—

The committee in the case of ex-Sheriff Duncan, of York county, Pa., would respectfully report.

That a consummation of this case has not yet been reached. But it is fondly hoped, both by the parties interested, as well as your committee, that very soon, in some way, this unfortunate suit will be settled to the satisfaction of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

J. O. MILLER, *Chairman.*

The Treasurer of the Board of Education, who had been instructed to prepare a list of the beneficiaries, with the amount of the indebted-

ness of each to the Board, for the use of Synod, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:—

The undersigned, as Treasurer of the Board of Education, would report,

That, owing to the peculiar circumstances by which he was surrounded during a large portion of the past year, he was prevented from making out the list of the beneficiaries of the Board, together with the amounts due from each, to be laid before this Synod, as directed by a resolution adopted by the Synod of Carlisle. He is happy to say, that the books and papers of the Board, however, have been carefully preserved, being, at the time of the destruction of Chambersburg by the rebel army, in the fire-proof vault of the Printing Establishment.

Respectfully submitted,

SAML. R. FISHER, *Treasurer.*

The Classis of Philadelphia, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested Synod to take immediate steps to have the German professorship in the Theological Seminary, vacated by the leave of absence granted to the Rev. Dr. Schaff, filled by a German professor. This request was referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

The Classis of Philadelphia, also, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested Synod so to re-arrange the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, as to allow said Board to be constituted similarly with the Board of Domestic Missions, and to be composed of two ministers from each Classis, who shall be elected biennially by the Classis, and who shall promise to attend faithfully to the duty incumbent upon them. In reference to this request, it was

Resolved, That Synod cannot accede to this request, inasmuch as the appointment of the Board of Visitors is regulated by the charter of the Theological Seminary.

The following resolutions were adopted:—

Resolved, That the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary be authorized, if they deem it proper, to make the regular course of study in the Seminary to extend to three years.

Resolved, That Synod recommend the Board of Beneficiary Education to increase the annual appropriation to the beneficiaries under its care to $150.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

I. REPORTS OF THE BOARDS OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

a.) Report of Board of Domestic Missions.

The following report was received from the Board of Domestic Missions:—

The serious indisposition of the President of the Board has, at a very late day, devolved the duty of preparing the Annual Report on the Secretary. This is much to be regretted, since, having more directly the responsible supervision of the whole work, he would charge his memory with matters of interest connected with the several missions. In the preparation of the Report such facts and incidents would recur to him as would give completeness and interest.

Amid the greatest privations, made necessary by the exorbitant prices demanded for every article of food and clothing, and the limited appropriation which the Board was compelled to make in each case, our missionaries have labored with the most praiseworthy perseverance and fidelity. And when the peculiar circumstances of distraction, distress, excitement and apprehension, attending the protraction of the civil war now prevailing in our country, are considered, it may truly be said, the most of them have been prospered beyond all expectations. The operation of the draft has, in several missions, caused a diminution of the membership, laying hold, in some instances, on the most active and efficient teachers in the Sunday Schools, and very materially lessening, in all of them, the contributions given to the missionaries' support.

But for the Tercentenary contributions, the Board would have been very much embarrassed in its operations during the past year. It will be seen from the Treasurer's report, that the Board has been able to meet all its obligations, leaving a balance in his hand of $1,328.44, including a balance from last year of $91.21, making the actual receipts $8,496.17. The sum also of $1,042.50, given for that purpose, has been funded. Amount received and entered as Tercentenary offerings is $4,482.32. But, because of the encouraging results of our great Tercentenary effort, the Church must not cut off the swelling stream of its benevolence. In that case, we shall be thrown back, instead of being carried forward in our missionary operations. Rather should it be like the sweeping river, increasing in volume and force, from the enlarged contributions flowing into it from all directions. The receipts in 1862 were $3,584.66; in 1863, $5,229.29; in 1864, $8,496.17. We ought, as a Church, to maintain this standard.

During the last Synodical year, the Board has had under its supervision and care *thirty-three* missions. Twenty-one of these are German exclusively; six English; and six mixed. These are scattered

over twelve States; eight in Pennsylvania, four in New Jersey, five in Ohio, four in Michigan, three in Wisconsin, two in Illinois, two in New York, and one each in Massachusetts, Kentucky, Indiana, Maryland and Iowa.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Among the most important, promising, and prosperous of the Pennsylvania Missions, are Christ Church, Altoona, St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia, Doylestown, and the recently organized Second Reformed Church, Harrisburg.

Altoona, Blair Co. This important Mission is under the active and efficient pastorate of Rev. Cyrus Cort. Appropriation, $300. It is now in the second year of its congregational existence. Already a most promising beginning has been made in that long-neglected mountain city. Gratifying results have flowed from the persevering efforts of the Pastor. In his Annual Report he tells us, that "quite a number of precious souls have been brought into the covenant and kingdom of grace. Truly, the Lord has prospered our work beyond our desert, as well as our expectations." The congregation has about doubled during the past year, through admissions by confirmation and certificate. One evidence of the healthful tone of the church feeling existing in this infant enterprise, is the fact that *twenty* copies of the MESSENGER are taken, showing a commendable desire to acquaint themselves with the operations and movements of the Church. The corner-stone of their new edifice was laid with appropriate religious services on July 31st, 1864. Several prominent members of the Board officiated. Because of the advanced price, both of labor and materials, and limited means, the work has not progressed as rapidly as was expected. For $2,500 more, they could have it enclosed and the basement story finished, thus securing a comfortable church-house of their own, and saving rent. "It would be a sad reflection upon the liberality and spirit of our entire Reformed Church, if an enterprise, so promising in other respects, should be allowed to fail or languish for the want of a few thousand dollars wherewith to complete this much-needed house of worship." In connection with the Mission at Altoona, the Missionary has been laboring at two other points, and at one has fair prospects of shortly organizing a congregation—at a point where, many years since, we had a congregation and an interest in the church property. The one he hopes to re-gather, and the other reclaim. The statistics of the Mission are as follows: 1 congregation, 64 members, 63 unconfirmed, 19 baptisms, 10 received by confirmation, 18 by certificate, and 4 deaths. Raised toward the erection of the Church, $800. Language, English.

Second Church, Harrisburg. The pastor of this little flock, Rev. F. Fox, entered upon his labors in this field Nov. 1863. Appropriation, $300. This mission was undertaken at the earnest solicitation of some of the most liberal and active members of the First Church of that city. The promising beginning shows how greatly the work was needed. Already the congregation numbers some 60 members. Their

most difficult work will be the erection of a church. The Board takes the greatest pleasure in recommending this promising enterprise to the favorable notice of the Church at large, hoping that any appeal in its behalf will be liberally responded to.

A lot has already been procured, and some steps have been taken towards the accomplishment of their wish in this direction. Services are held in both languages.

St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia. Rev. A. Romich, Pastor. Appropriation, $400. Language, German. Through his energy and perseverance, the serious obstacles which, from the first lay in the way of success, have in part disappeared. Much of his time must necessarily be spent in procuring subscriptions and funds for the building now in process of erection. The corner-stone was laid in July last; the President of the Board and the members of the Executive Committee officiated. The basement story will be ready for dedication in a few weeks. There are already fifty members, and this number will, without doubt, be greatly increased as soon as they can worship in their own Church.

Doylestown. Rev. Wm. R. Yearick has been laboring in this place since December, 1860. The congregation, though still small, has embarked in the arduous work of building a church, without which, it has been felt, the enterprise might as well be abandoned. The corner-stone was laid on Sunday, Oct. 16th, 1864. Including the lot, the church will cost $5000. The people have raised the half of this sum. The missionary is confident of raising the balance in Goshenhoppen Classis. It is to be hoped, that the brethren of that Classis will cordially and earnestly co-operate with this persevering brother in his efforts to procure the requisite sum. He says in his Annual Report: "This church once built, I entertain the best hope, that in a few years we will have a free, flourishing, and self-supporting congregation in this long neglected place, where, if we had taken hold at the proper time, we might, and no doubt would, now have one of the largest congregations in the place. Appropriation, $200. Both languages used in the service.

Danville. At this point Rev. J. W. Steinmetz has been laboring for two and a half years. The completion of the church has placed the congregation in a more flourishing condition, though an insuperable difficulty to its large increase is found to lay in the location of the church—being some distance out of town. Yet the indefatigable labors of the missionary have been attended with a good degree of success, as will appear from the statistical report. At his own request, the appropriation was reduced from $150 to $75, and in another year can be wholly dispensed with. The Tercentenary contributions of this congregation, amounting to $400, by action of Synod, were applied to the reduction of the church debt. A debt still remains of $2,000. Statistics: 168 members, 152 unconfirmed, 30 baptisms, 17 received by confirmation, 13 by certificate, 5 dismissed, 2 Sunday Schools.

Schuylkill Haven. The Missionary, Rev. D. W. Wolff, entered upon this field in January, 1862, and, up to the time of his recent resignation, has labored with a great deal of acceptance and success. During

his pastorate, the Mission has been placed upon a firm basis. This Mission has already been provided with a pastor in the person of the licentiate, J. P. Stein, who is about entering upon his duties. For a short time only the appropriation of $100 will be required. It is expected that the Lebanon Classis, at its next annual meeting, will, by the addition of one or two more congregations, make the charge self-supporting. Language, English. Statistics: 60 members, 10 baptisms, 2 confirmed, 1 Sunday School.

New Holland, Lancaster County. Rev. F. A. Gast, Missionary. English. Appropriation, 100. The missionary regrets that no additions have been made to the Church during the past year. A class of ten catechumens is now attending lectures, and will, he hopes, soon embrace the privilege of assuming holy vows.

Hamburg. Rev. Aaron S. Leinbach, Missionary. Recently taken charge. Appropriation, $100.

OHIO.

Cincinnati. The Church of the Cross, Rev. S. Mease, Pastor. Appropriation, $500. This very important English mission, in that great commercial centre of the West, is now in a more flourishing condition than at any previous period of its checkered history. Though in some unessential parts their church is not fully completed, yet it affords them a comfortable home, and presents an attractive appearance. The congregation feels very much the pressure of its $7,000 indebtedness, which would have been no more than one-half of this sum, if all had redeemed the pledges made in good faith to the missionary. As soon as the congregation is relieved of this burden, no further aid will be needed for their pastor's support. In his annual report the missionary says: "Our number, truly, is not greatly increased, but its harmony, interest, and efficiency are such as to afford much pleasure in laboring in its midst. Another fact of great interest to your missionary is, that a large proportion of the membership, in capacity as well as in zeal, is qualified to take an active part in the affairs of the congregation—its business matters, prayer-meetings, and Sunday School, Statistics are—46 members, 42 unconfirmed, 7 baptized, 4 confirmed, 3 certificate, 1 dismissed, 4 deaths. 1 Sunday School, Tercentenary contribution, amounting to $75.85.

Crestline. Rev. J. Eichen, Missionary. Appropriation, $60.

Sandusky. Rev. M. Müller, Missionary. Appropriation, $100. German. Has two congregations, preaching alternately in each. They are making an effort to reduce their church-debt to $300. The Holy Communion is administered four times a year. Statistics are—88 members, 92 baptized members, 9 baptisms, 14 received by confirmation and certificate.

Arnheim. Rev. C. Pluess, Missionary. Recently resigned the charge. Appropriation, $80.

Lima. Rev. G. Rettig, Missionary. Appropriation, $150. Services held in German and English. This missionary commenced labor-

ing in this field July, 1863, and in September of that same year a congregation was organized. Two lots, in a prominent and central part of the town, were purchased and paid for, and about $1,000 subscribed towards the building of a church. This work, however, has been delayed on account of our national troubles, and the attendance somewhat diminished by enlistments in the army. The missionary is a very zealous and faithful laborer. He reports seventeen confirmed during the year, and two Sunday Schools in good condition.

NEW JERSEY.

Rahway. Rev. O. Lohr, Missionary. Appropriation, $100. Language, German. The missionary at this point is an earnest and faithful servant of the Church, yet the want of success commensurate with the labors bestowed and the expectations entertained, seem to have greatly discouraged him. He has added to the Church during the year 15 by confirmation and 11 by certificate. He urges a division of the field, but the Executive Committee has not seen its way clear to inaugurate such a step, as there are but one hundred and thirty-five members in the two congregations.

Egg Harbor City. Since the annual meeting of the Board there has been a change of missionaries at this point. Rev. A. von Puchelstein taking the place of Rev. J. P. Pfister. The congregation has embarked in the much needed work of building a church. Language German. Appropriation, $2 50. Members, 78.

Glasboro. Rev. Jacob Dahlman, Sr., Missionary. German. Appropriation, $1 50. This mission was commenced in July, 1863. In the fall of that same year their new church was dedicated, on which there is yet a small debt. The field is a limited one; the membership small, but active.

New Brunswick. Rev. A. Hohing, Missionary. German. Appropriation, $1,50. The congregation is in a very prosperous condition. The pastor is much beloved by his people. They are making efforts to pay off the remaining debt on the church.

KENTUCKY.

Louisville. Rev. Max. Stern has been laboring in this most important field since January, 1862. He is one of the most laborious and successful missionaries under the care of the Board. His efforts in Louisville have been crowned with signal success. In the two years and a half of his services in that city, and under the most trying circumstances incident to the disturbed state of that community, the mission has been placed on a solid basis, and in a working condition. The old church, situated in a remote and uninviting section of the city, has been sold, and a larger and finer church, in a better location, has been purchased at a very small cost. During the last year this missionary has assisted at the dedication of three churches, viz: Louisville, Ky., Lanesville, and Crotersville, Ind. Early in the spring the missionary had resigned this field. But being unable to obtain a

suitable successor, he yielded to the earnest request of the Executive Committee to continue his labors. He says, in his last report, "The field to be cultivated is a hard and difficult one, but the congregation is at present unanimous, gaining in respect and confidence. In both we were bankrupt. The congregation is becoming more and more liberal, and, if we were free of church-debt, we would now be self-supporting. We have collected for different benevolent objects, including our own Sunday School, not much less than $200 during this year, between forty and fifty dollars for your Board. Appropriation, $250. Language, German. Statistics: Communicants, 117; baptisms, 21; confirmed, 1; certificate, 14; deaths, 4; dismissed, 1; Sunday School, 1.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Greenfield. Rev. P. A. Schwartz, Missionary. Appropriation, $200. Has been laboring over a year among the German operatives in Greenfield, Shelburne Falls, East Hampton and Springfield. In this latter place, where he has the free use of the South Church (Congregational) Chapel, he has been fiercely assailed by the ultra-Rationalists. At Shelburne Falls, where he commenced preaching to five persons, there is now a regular attendance of nearly one hundred persons. At Greenfield there is a flourishing German Sunday School.

MICHIGAN.

Three Rivers. Rev. D. Kroh, Missionary. English. Appropriation, $100. Reports a class of catechumens, numbering 14, nearly ready for confirmation. This is a great matter where educational religion is so much scouted at as it is in that whole region.

Sturgis. Rev. P. Joerris, Missionary. German. Appropriation, $100. Has only recently taken charge.

Sauk City. Rev. H. A. Winter, Missionary. German. Appropriation, $150.

Detroit. Rev. C. Cast, Missionary. German. Appropriation, $300.

WISCONSIN.

Sheboygan. Rev. J. T. Kluge, Missionary. German. Appropriation, $50.

Appleton. Rev. E. H. T. Wöhler, Missionary. German. Commissioned July 1st, 1864. Appropriation, $50.

Watertown. Vacant.

INDIANA.

Evansville. Rev. J. B. Zumpe, Missionary. German. Appropriation, $200.

ILLINOIS.

Freeport. Rev. C. W. Seaman, Missionary. Appropriation, $200.

Hickory Creek. Rev. William Gilpin, Missionary. English. Appropriation, $100

NEW YORK.

Rochester. Rev. T. Grosshüsch, Missionary. German. Appropriation, $200. Within a few weeks this field has become vacant. There is at this point a valuable church and parsonage. It is too important a mission to remain long vacant. Statistics are—80 communicants, 92 unconfirmed, 12 baptized, 3 confirmed, 9 deaths, 1 Sunday School. Contribution to Missions, $15.37.

Ebenezer. Rev. T. Grosshüsch, Missionary. German. Appropriation, $125. Entered upon the duties of this new mission Oct. 1, 1864.

MARYLAND.

Fifth Church, Baltimore. Rev. Marcus Bachman, Missionary. German. Commissioned July 1, 1864. Commenced laboring in August. Appropriation, $100. No report has yet been received.

IOWA.

Independence. Rev. J. Riale, Missionary. English. Appropriation, $200. At the earnest solicitation of the Iowa Classis, this missionary has removed to Tipton, his former field of labor. The charge just made vacant, composed of the three congregations, Independence, Brandon, and Boulder, ought to be supplied at once. But who will go? It is the most inviting field in Iowa, and must not be neglected. The Board is ready to make a large appropriation to any one consenting to go.

Three most important points have recently been brought to the notice of the Executive Committee. For the past six months strenuous efforts have been put forth to have a missionary stationed at Havana, Ills.; but thus far the committee has failed. Several brethren held the matter under consideration; but a call to other charges being made, this was declined.

Some years since a mission was begun in Milwaukie, Wis., a city of the Northwest, containing 15,000 Germans. For some reason it proved a failure. A more promising opening now presents itself. The Executive Committee is at present in correspondence with Rev. H. A. Winter in relation to this point. An appropriation has been offered of $300. It is earnestly hoped that this brother will see his way clear to obey this call.

Very recently a request was sent to the Executive Committee for an active German Reformed minister, to take charge of a German congregation in New Orleans, La., now worshipping in their own church. The time as yet has been too short for the committee to secure the services of any worthy German minister. Steps have been taken to accomplish this end.

ADDENDA.

In addition to these thirty-three missions under the direct care of the Board, the Classis of St. Paul reports six missions for which it has been making sole provision.

Allegheny. Rev. G. B. Russell, Missionary. No report.

Rochester, Beaver County. Rev. C. Scheel, Missionary. No report.

Clarkville. Rev. L. J. Mayer, Missionary. During the past year this mission has become self-supporting. A congregation of twenty-eight members was recently organized in a growing part of this brother's field.

Mercer Mission. Rev. Abner Dale, Missionary. This mission has been steadily growing. A number of accessions have been made to the membership during the year.

Decker Run. Rev. J. Kretzing, Missionary. This mission was only commenced a year and a half ago, and already shows signs of prosperity and growth which ere long will make it a self-supporting charge.

Titusville. This mission was taken up at the last meeting of this Classis. It is supplied by the Rev. J. Kretzing until some permanent arrangement be made.

This Classis reports two other missions desiring to be taken under its fostering care. Itself a missionary Classis, perhaps no Classis within the bounds of the Synod shows more zeal and liberality in this direction. Through its delegates to this Synod, it sends up an earnest appeal for help.

Brethren, we need more money to do the work of the Church. Constant appeals are made to us for aid, and yet our resources are so limited that we cannot properly sustain in these hard times those missionaries now laboring under our care with such a self-sacrificing spirit. Oh, that our beloved Zion would wake up to a proper sense of her great duty and tremendous responsibility in this direction!

The Treasurer of the Church Extension Fund, Mr. John Wiest, reports the receipt of $2,950.02, and the disbursement of $2,137.25, leaving a balance in his hand of $812.77, of which $700 belong to the Permanent Fund, a Tercentenary contribution from the First German Reformed Church, York, Pa. This fund ought to be very largely increased to enable the Board to meet in any degree the requests for loans steadily coming in.

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Nov.	10	Cash per Rev. J. W. Santee, from Andrew Weagly and family, $10; J. G. Peter Krouse, $5; Mrs. J. G. P. Krouse, $3	18 00
		" Rev. N. Gehr, from the Juvenile Missionary Society of German Reformed Zion congregation, to constitute F. Kramer a Life Member	30 00
		" N. Gehr, from Rev. A. Schroeder, Bridgeport, Conn., collected in his congregation	5 00
		" F. W. Kremer, from 1st German Reformed congregation, Reading, Pa	25 00
	13	" Rev. J. O. Miller, dividend on twenty-five shares of York Bank stock, Mrs. Margaret Spangler's legacy	25 00
		" Rev. Max Stern, Louisville, Ky., collected in his charge	9 00
		" Rev. T. Grosshüsch, Rochester, N. Y., collected in his charge	4 21
	14	" Rev. J. S. Dubs, Ironton, Lehigh county, Pa., Tercentenary offerings of Union congregation	36 00
	18	" Rev. W. R. Hofford, collected in Saucon and South Whitehall congregations	23 00
	25	" Rev. A. R. Kremer, communion collection, Pattonsville congregation	4 75
	26	" John G. Alburger and family, German Reformed congregation, Race street, Philadelphia, Pa., Tercentenary offering	15 00
	27	" Rev. A. L. Dechant, collected in Old Goshenhoppen charge, Tercentenary offering	74 19
		" Domestic Missionary Society of Zion German Reformed congregation, Allentown, Pa., to constitute Rev. N. S. Strassburger a L. M.	30 00
	28	" Rev. J. O. Miller, York, Pa., in aid of the Cincinnati, O., church building	25 00
	30	" Rev. J. G. Neuber, from the Sunday School Missionary Society of Salem's German Reformed congregation, Philadelphia	18 00
Dec.	2	" Rev. J. P. Pfister, from von Puechelstein, Egg Harbor City, N. J.	5 00
	8	" Mr. Henry Seller, per hands of Mr. Simon Santee, from Rev. D. Y. Heisler, Bethlehem, Pa., communion collection in Bethlehem congregation	23 31
	9	" Rev. L. K. Derr, Tamaqua, Pa., from St. John's and Zion Missionary and Beneficial Education Society,	20 00
	11	" Rev. John Beck, Easton, Pa., Tr. East Pa. Classis, from Rev. I. K. Loos, communion collection	20 00
		" Rev. F. Strassner, Ranson congregation	1 25
	14	" J. Wiest, Tr., German Reformed congregation, Race street, Philadelphia, Pa., Tercentenary offerings, as follows.—	
		" D. Correll and family	3 00
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		" W. L. Graver	6 00
		" C. C. Raphum	5 00
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Jan.	27	Cash per Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D.D., Tercentenary offering	10 00
Feb.	3	" Rev. I. K. Loos, communion collections, Oxford Fur., N. J., for German missions in the West	2 40
	4	" John Wiest, Christ Evangelical Reformed Church, Green street, Philadelphia	100 00
	6	" John D. Skiles, from St. Paul's German Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa	18 56
	10	" Rev. Joseph W. Santee, from Cavetown congregation, Milton Brunner, $0.50; Jacob Beaver, $1; George Burns, $0.50; Catharine Bellam, $0.50; Hannah Price, $0.50; George Pearson, $12. Harbaugh's congregation: W. Johnson, $5; Mrs. S. W. Johnson, $1, and Mary Johnson, 0.50	21 50
		" Rev. H. Mosser, Landisburg, Pa., collected in charge	7 00
	18	" Mr. John Wiest, Treasurer, Tercentenary offerings, German Reformed congregation, Race street, Philadelphia:—Mrs. M. A. Bibighaus and family, $7; I. V. Lambert and wife, $2.50; Capt. W. Lambert, $2.50; Edw. Beam and family, $1.75; Miss Hannah Soliday, $1.50; L. K. Graver and family, $3; H. S. Strassburger and family, $1.25	19 50
		" Rev. J. H. Dubbs	18 08
		" " A. S. Leinbach	15 45
	27	" Mr. Daniel Troxell, from the German Reformed Sunday school, Allentown, Pa	20 00
		" Rev. Max Stern, Louisville, Ky	9 00
		" John Wiest, Christ Evangelical Reformed Church, Green street, Philadelphia	100 00
	29	" Rev. C. W. Seamen, Freeport, Ill	8 50
March	1	" " Rev. Samuel Hess, Hellertown, Pa., Tercentenary collection in Richland congregation, Bucks county	10 10
	2	" Rev. J. Külling, from the 4th German Reformed congregation, Baltimore, Md	5 00
	3	" George W. Hensel, Treasurer of the St. Paul's German Reformed congregation, Quarryville, Lancaster county, Pa	8 17
		" Rev. N. E. Gilds, Tercentenary contribution from St. Clairsville charge	45 00
	10	" John Wiest, Christ Evangelical Reformed Church, Green street, Phila	100 00
	12	" John D. Skiles, Tercentenary contributions from St. Paul's German Reformed congregation, Lancaster, Pa	90 50
	15	" Rev. J. F. Busche, German Reformed congregation, N. Y., to constitute Mr. Wm. Knobloch a L. M	30 00
	16	" Rev. N. Gehr, from Juvenile Missionary Society of Zion's German Reformed congregation, Philadelphia	30 00
	23	" Rev. A. R. Kremer, collected at communion, in Pattonsville, Pa	6 00
	30	" Rev. W. E. Krebs, collected in Waynesboro' charge	20 00
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May	3	Cash per Rev. Joseph W. Santee, Tercentenary offering from Sol. G. Krause, deceased, in the name of his deceased son, Charles Glessner, "now in heaven," as bequeathed in the will of deceased, Cavetown, Md.	165 00
		" Rev. Jos. W. Santee, from Wm. Reynolds, Cavetown congregation, Tercentenary offering	1 00
		" Rev. Jno. Gantenbein, Tercentenary offering for Zion's German Reformed congregation, Allen Township, $43.30; St. Paul's congregation, Lehigh Township, $8.75	52 05
		" Rev. N. Gehr, from German Reformed Zion congregation, Philadelphia	10 00
	14	" John Wiest, from Christ Evangelical Reformed congregation, Phila.	100 00
		" Rev. A. Höhing, New Brunswick, N. J.	5 00
		" " Wm. Gilpin, Hickory Creek, Ill.	4 15
	16	" " J. H. A. Bomberger, paid family Tercentenary offerings, per Mr. J. Wiest	10 00
	17	" Jacob M. Bockius, Germantown, Pa.	5 00
		" J. David Miller, Treasurer, from First German Reformed Sunday School, Lancaster, Pa., for Tercentenary offering	142 22
	19	" Wm. Mayburry, M. D., and family, German Reformed Church, Race street, Philadelphia, Tercentenary offerings	25 00
		" Rev. Jacob Dahlman, Tercentenary offering from Emmanuel's German Reformed Church, West Philadelphia, $15; and from Sabbath School, $50; from Emmanuel Sabbath School, to make Rev. Jacob Dahlman a life member, $30	95 00
		" Rev. Wm. Sorber, from Brownback charge	10 00
		" Mr. John Wiest, from S. H. Bibighaus and family, Tercentenary offering	225 00
		" Rev. A. H. Kremer, from Rev. I. E. Graeff, Millersville charge, $12; from Rev. D. Hertz, Ephrata, Penn., $8.27	20 27
		" Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, Treasurer of Mercersburg Classis, from Rev. T. Fouse, Woodcock Valley, Valley charge, $16; and Rev. A. C. Whitmer, Martinsburg charge, $12.70	22 70
		" Rev. J. G. Fritchey, part of Tercentenary contribution from Tanytown charge	10 00
		" Rev. J. Gring, per Rev. F. W. Kremer, Tercentenary contributions of charge	22 70
		" Rev. J. Gring, Tercentenary contributions to Eng. Mission Church, Cincinnati, O., $20; Altoona Mission Church, $20; Freeport, Ill., Mission Church, $20	60 00
		" Rev. F. W. Kremer, from Rev. Jacob Kline, Tercentenary contribution from charge	19 50
		" Rev. J. E. Heister, collected in Annville, Pa.	13 20
	20	" S. B. Keiffer, M. D., Tercentenary offering from German Reformed Sunday School, Carlisle, Pa., "payable in sixty days"	106 00
		Carried *over*,	$4,608 74

1864.		Amount brought over	$4,608 74
May	20	Cash per Rev. Dr. Bomberger, from Rev. A. Shenkle, Trappe charge Tercentenary offerings	60 00
		" Kate Frick, deceased, (seven years' old,) her savings, $1.64; premium on silver and pennies, 46 cts.	2 10
		" Rev. S. N. Aller, Pleasantville congregation, $40.85; New Hilltown congregation, $8	48 85
	24	" Rev. I. E. Graeff, Tercentenary offering from St. Paul's Church, Lancaster, Pa.	8 00
		" Rev. Joseph H. Dubbs, Pottstown, Pa.	1 00
		" Tercentenary offering from Abraham Smith	1 00
		" Rev. E. Kieffer, from Susan Shriner	2 00
		" " John Beck, Tercentenary offering, for German Reformed congregation, Easton, Pa., $150; and from the Sunday school, $67	217 00
		" Rev. John Beck, Treasurer of East Pa., Classis—from Rev. I. K. Loos, $100; Rev. W. R. Hofford, from Saucon congregation, $20; from Rev. N. S. Strassburger, Reformed congregation, Allentown, Pa., $58.46, Tercentenary offerings	178 46
		" Rev. G. W. Aughinbaugh, Tercentenary offering from Riegelsville congregation	52 00
		" Rev. P. S. Fisher, Tercentenary offerings from Sellersville charge, Bucks co., Pa.	25 00
		" Rev. Samuel G. Wagner, Tercentenary offerings from Boehm's German Reformed congregation	78 [illegible]
		" Rev. M. A. Smith, Tercentenary offerings from Hummelstown charge	7[illegible]
		" Rev. F. A. Gast, Tercentenary offerings from New Holland charge, $66.50; and from Bible Class, $1.20	[illegible]
	25	" Rev. A. J. G. Dubbs, part of Tercentenary offerings in Friedensville, Pa.	2[illegible]
		" Rev. A. J. G. Dubbs, part of Tercentenary offerings in Zionsville	1[illegible]
	26	" Rev. S. H. Giesey, from Rev. J. B. Kneip, Pikeland congregation Tercentenary offerings	2[illegible]
		" Rev. F. W. Kremer, from one family 2d Reformed Church, Reading, Permanent Fund, $33; and collection, 2d Church, Reading, $20	[illegible]
June	2	" Rev. J. O. Miller, dividend on twenty-five shares of York Bank stock, Mrs. Margaret Spangler's legacy	2[illegible]
	4	" John Wiest, Christ Evangelical Reformed Church, Green street, Phila.	100 [illegible]
		" Rev. J. G. Wiehle, from the Missionary Society of Salem's German Reformed Church, to constitute Wm. Peters a L. M.	30 [illegible]
		" Rev. W. E. Krebs, Waynesboro, Pa., to be funded $52; Allegheny Mission Church, $60; Altoona, $69.50	1[illegible]
		" Rev. C. F. Hoffmeier, McConnelsburg charge	1[illegible]
		" " E. B. Wilson, from Strassburg charge	2 [illegible]
		From Chambersburg congregation	500 [illegible]
		" " J. Hassler, Shippensburg charge	100 [illegible]
		" " " Altoona Mission Church	25 [illegible]
		" " J. H. Dubbs, Pottstown, Pa.	[illegible]
		" " L. K. Derr, Tamaqua, Pa.	20 [illegible]
		Carried forward	$8,[illegible]

864.		Amount brought forward	$6,557 55
une	4	Cash from Rev. H. Wagner, Orwigsburg charge	13 54
	10	" " W. T. Gerhard, Lancaster, Pa., Tercentenary offerings from his charge	10 00
	15	" " J. Kehm, collected in charge	20 00
		" " D. W. Wolff, Schuylkill Haven, Pa., Tercentenary offerings from St. John's German Reformed Sabbath School	73 38
		" East Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. S. Gutelius	50 00
	20	" Rev. J. W. Hoffmeier, Manchester, Md., Tercentenary offerings from his charge	25 00
	21	" Rev. John Beck, Treasurer of East Pennsylvania Classis, from Rev. I. K. Loos, Mount Bethel charge, Altoona, Church Mission	5 00
		" Rev. P. Jörris, Sturgis, Mich., collected in charge,	4 00
		" " John Beck, from Rev. I. S. K. Loos, Altoria Mission Church, Fulton county, Ill., $10; Doylestown, $10; St. Stephen's, Philadelphia, A. Romich, $10; Missions within the bounds of St. Paul's or Clarion Classis, $14.70	44 70
		" Rev. W. R. Hofford, Lower Saucon congregation, $11; Rev. John Sykes, South Easton, $4.65	15 65
	22	" Rev. F. W. Kremer, from 1st German Reformed Church, Reading, Pa.	100 00
	23	" Mr. Joseph Young, from the Missionary Society of the German Reformed Church, Allentown, Pa., to constitute George Hagenbach a L. M.	30 00
	5	" Jacob Gegenheimer, Glassboro', N. J.	1 00
		" Rev. D. Gring, per W. A. Wilt, Treas. Zion's Classis	20 00
	7	" Sunday School Missionary Society of Race Street, Philadelphia, German Reformed Church, to make a L. M.	30 00
	13	" Rev. David Rothrock, Tercentenary offering for Durham charge, $23.36; and Old William's Township congregation, $4.93	28 29
	14	" Rev. S. Mease, Cincinnati, O., Tercentenary offerings from his congregation	55 55
		" Rev. M. Stern, Louisville, Ky., collected in his charge	11 35
		" Rev. J. R. Zumpe, Evansville, Ind., collected in his charge	2 35
		" Rev. T. Grosshüsch, Rochester, New York, collected in his charge	4 00
	20	" Rev. I. K. Loos, communion collection at Oxford Furnace, for German Missions of the West	4 15
uly	23	" Rev. J. S. Dubbs, Ironton, Lehigh county, Pa., $10, towards erecting a church at Egg Harbor City, and $10 towards erecting a church at Freeport, Ill.	20 00
ugust	2	" John Wiest, Christ Evangelical Reformed Church, Green street, Phila.	200 00
	14	" Rev. Jacob Dahlman, Glassboro', N. J., Tercentenary offerings from congregation, $6; Sabbath School, $6	12 00
		" Rev. C. Pluess, Arnheim, Ohio	4 50
		" " D. Kroh, Three Rivers, Mich.	4 34
		" " F. A. Gast, New Holland, Pa.	8 23
		Carried over,	$7,349 58

1864.		Amount brought over	$7,349 58
Aug.	15	Cash from Rev. P. P. O. Hoffman, Oley, Berks county, Pa., collected in Pricetown and Labachsville congregations	13 20
	20	" Rev. J. B. Kniest, Buffalo, New York, collected in his charge	8 05
	22	" Rev. G. W. Aughinbaugh, from a member of Rieglesville congregation, in aid of Mission Church, Altoona	5 00
	24	" Rev. Dr. P. Schaff, in memory of his departed son, Philip, aged seven years	5 00
	31	" Rev. Daniel Ziegler, York, Pa., collected in his charge	20 00
		" Rev. Wm. Sorber, Vincent, Chester county, Pa., collected in Brownback's charge	20 24
		" Rev. J. S. Dubbs, North Whitehall, Pa., collected in his charge, as follows:—Zion cong., Egypt, $14.06; Morgenland, $7.64; Cedar, $3.35; Jordan, $7.75; Union, $29.66	62 46
		" Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., from Isaac Shunk, German Reformed Church, Race street, Phila., a Tercentenary offering	100 00
Sept.	1	" Rev. J. D. Zehring, Hanover, York county, Pa., part of Harvest Collections, Emanuel charge	30 50
	8	" Limerick Church Missionary Society, per Samuel Brant, Tr.	7 75
	14	" Rev. J. H. Dubbs, Pottstown, Pa., harvest collection in his charge, Pottstown, English, $37.25; German, $13.55; Limerick, $12.60	63 40
	15	" Rev. Wm. Gilpin, Hickory Creek, Ill.	3 00
		" " J. G. Neuber, from Bethlehem's German Reformed congregation and Sunday school	25 00
	17	" Samuel Buck, Tr., Tercentenary offerings from Rev. H. S. Bassler, Berrysburg charge	75 00
		" Rev. I. G. Brown, Mercersburg, Pa.	20 00
	17	" " W. E. Krebs, additional for Altoona Missionary Society	1 00
	21	" Rev. Jacob Kline, Schuylkill Haven	23 00
		" " J. E. Hiester, collected in Palmyra congregation	8 50
		" Rev. D. Gring, Shrewsbury charge	20 00
		" " H. Mosser, Harvest and Communion collections, Landisburg charge	25 00
		" Rev. F. W. Kremer, Tercentenary collection in Hill church	19 70
	28	" Rev. A. C. Whitmer, Martinsburg, Pa., Harvest and Communion collections, per Dr. Fisher	10 00
	29	" Rev. N. Gehr, from the Juvenile Missionary Society of German Reformed Zion congregation, Phila., to make Mr. Wm. Mook a L. M.	30 00
		" Rev. Jacob Dahlman, from Emanuel Sabbath school, West Phila., to make Wilhelm Brookate and Ludwig Reuss a L. M.	60 00
Oct.	3	" Rev. D. Rothrock, Bucksville, Pa., harvest collections in his charge, viz.: Durham, $12.08; Red Hill, $3.42	15 50
		Carried forward	$8,020 4

1864.		Amount brought forward,	$8,020 94
Oct. 3	Cash from	W. H. Frymire, Tr., East Susq. Classis, collections in Milton congregation	25 00
4	"	Charles Santee, German Reformed Church, Race st., Phila., on Systematic Ben. plan	300 00
10	"	Rev. Samuel G. Wagner, Tercentenary offerings from Whitemarsh congregation, $3; Bœhm's congregation, $1.89	4 89
11	"	Rev. O. H. Lohr, Rahway, N. J., Tercentenary offerings from his charge	22 00
	"	Rev. Max Stern, Louisville, Ky	12 00
	" "	C. Z. Weiser, Pennsburg, Pa., part of his collection in Great Swamp and New Goshenhoppen congregation, $50; from C. H. and M. H., $5 each	60 00
	"	Rev. F. W. Kremer, per Dr. Fisher, Tercentenary collections from the Hill church	20 05
	"	Rev. J. Sechler, Littlestown, Pa., collected in his charge	22 80
12	"	Rev. Samuel Hess, Hellerstown, Pa., part of Harvest collections in his charge	10 00
	"	Rev. G. E. Addams, Sulphur Springs congregation, per W. Wilt	10 64
	"	Rev. F. A. Gast, New Holland, Pa	2 06
	" "	T. Grosshüsch, Ebenezer, N. Y	3 00
14	" "	John S. Foulk, Baltimore, Md., part of Tercentenary collections 3d Reformed Church	50 00
18	" "	John Külling, 4th Church, Baltimore	3 00
	"	German Reformed cong., Race st., Phila., collected on the Systematic Benevolence plan, viz.: Chas. Wannemacher, $5; Jacob Y. Dietz, $5; Wm. L. Graver, $5; A. L. Kaub, $5; Gilbert L. Lentz, $1	21 00
			$8,587 38

The Board of Domestic Missions of the German Reformed Church in Account with CHARLES SANTEE, *Treasurer.*

1863.		DR.	
Oct.	28	To Cash paid Rev. Cyrus Cort, Altoona. Pa., from Rev. J. G. Fritchey, Taneytown, Md	$58 45
		Cash paid Rev. Wm. Ida, Fifth Reformed Church, Baltimore, Md., from Rev, J. S. Foulk, Third German Ref. Church, Baltimore, Md.,	50 00
Nov.	6	To Cash paid Rev. John Knie, Evansville, Indiana, expenses incurred to Evansville,	25 00
	9	To Cash paid Rev. W. R. Yearick, Line, Lexington, from Rev. P. S. Fisher, on account,	80 00
	10	To Cash paid Rev. C. W. Seaman, Freeport, Illinois,	25 00
	11	" Rev. Paul Wald,	50 00
		" Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, principal and interest of note, April 12, 1861,	107 50
		Carried over	$345 95

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1864.			" O. Lohr
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	18	"	Rev. M. Mülle
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		"	" W. R. Ye
	11	"	" Jacob Da
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		"	" C. Cast,
	19	"	" T. Grossh
		"	" J. B. Zum
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		"	" D. Willer
	27	"	" S. Mease,
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1864.		Amount brought forward,		$2,445 30
Apr.	23	To cash paid Rev.	F. A. Gast, New Holland,	25 00
		" "	S. Mease, Cincinnati, Ohio,	125 00
		" "	J. Riale, Independence, Iowa,	125 00
		" "	Max Stern, Louisville, Ky.,	62 50
		" "	T. Grosshüsch, New York,	50 64
		" "	W. R. Yearick, Doylestown, Pa.,	50 00
		" "	J. B. Zumpe, Evansville, Indiana,	50 00
		" "	C. Cort, Altoona, Pa.,	50 00
	27	" "	" " Contribution from Female Benevolent Society, First Church Lebanon, Pa.,	32 30
May	10	" "	S. H. Giesy, expenses incurred towards obtaining charter,	12 50
	14	" "	D. Kroh, Three Rivers, Michigan,	25 00
		" "	U. H. Heilman, Jonestown, Pa.,	25 00
		" "	J. T. Kluge, Sheboygan,	12 50
		" "	A. Höhing, New Brunswick, N. J.,	25 00
		" "	Jacob Dahlman, Glassboro, N. J.,	37 50
		" "	C. Plüss, Arnheim, Ohio,	20 00
		" "	H. A. Winter, Sauk City, 37 50, and expenses to Madison, Wisconsin, 10,	47 50
		" "	Wm. Gilpin, Illinois,	25 00
		" "	A. Romich, Philadelphia,	75 00
		" "	J. H. A. Bomberger, expenses incurred towards obtaining a charter for the Board of Domestic Missions,	2 00
		" "	N. Gehr, for postage,	3 00
	25	" "	C. W. Seaman, for Freeport, Illinois, Mission Church, from Rev. J. Gring,	20 00
	26	" "	C. Cort, Altoona, Pa, in aid of erecting church, from Rev. J. Gring,	20 00
		"	Cincinnati Mission Church, Rev. S. Mease, from Rev. J. Gring,	20 00
		"	Rev. C. Cort, Altoona Mission Church, from Waynesboro Charge,	69 50
		" "	C. Cort, Altoona Mission Church, from Shippensburg Charge,	25 00
June	15	" "	Cyrus Cort, Altoona, Pa.,	50 00
		" "	D. W. Wolff, Schuylkill Haven,	100 00
		" "	F. Fox, Harrisburg, Pa.,	75 00
		" "	C. W. Seaman, Freeport, Illinois,	50 00
		" "	Samuel Gutelius, as directed by East Susquehanna Classis,	50 00
		" "	H. C. Heyser, Richfield, Pa., for the services at the request East Susquehanna Classis,	50 00
		" "	P. A. Schwartz, Greenfield, Mass.,	150 00
		" "	J. W. Steinmetz, Danville, Pa.,	75 00
	21	" "	P. Jörris, Sturgis, Mich.,	20 50
	27	" "	G. B. Russell, Allegheny City, from Rev. W. E. Krebs, Waynesboro Charge,	60 00
		" "	J. Stoneberger, Astoria, Ill., from Rev. I. K. Loos,	10 00
		" "	H. F. Hartman, Treasurer of St. Paul's Clasiss, from Rev. I. K. Loos,	14 70
		Carried over,		$4,185 44

		"	"	D. W. Wolff
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		"	"	J. B. Zumpe
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	23	"	"	A. Von Pücl aid of churc S. Dubbs,.....
	27		"	C. Cort, Alt I. K. Loos, M sion Church,.
Aug.	12	"	"	Wm. A. Good, of Classis of
		"	"	J. T. Kluge,
		"	"	J. Dahlman,
		"	"	C. Plüss, Arnl
		"	"	H. A. Winter,
		"	"	D. Kroh, Thre
		"	"	F. A. Gast, N
		"	"	C. Cast, Detro
		"	"	A. Romich, Ph
Sept.	15	"	"	E. Woehler, A
		"	"	J. Riale, Inda

1864.			Amount brought forward,	$6,720 44
Oct.	12	To cash paid	Rev. M. Bachman, Baltimore, Md.,	25 00
		" "	Geo. Rettig, Lima, Ohio	25 00
		" "	F. A. Gast, New Holland, Pa.,	25 00
		" "	J. Dahlman, Glassboro, N. J.,	37 50
		" "	Samuel Mease, Cincinnati, Ohio,	125 00
		" "	J. B. Zumpe, Evansville, Ind.,	50 00
		" "	T. Grosshüsch, Ebenezer, N. Y.,	50 00
		" "	M. Müller, Sandusky, Ohio,	25 00
		" "	A. Von Püchelstein, Egg Harbor, N.J.	62 50
		" "	H. A. Winter, Sauk City, Wisconsin,	37 50
	14	" "	W. Ida, Fifth Reformed Church, Baltimore, as per receipt per Rev. John S. Foulk,	50 00
		" "	C. Cort, Altoona, additional contribution from Waynesboro Charge,	1 00
		" "	A. Höhing, New Brunswick, N. J., one quarter's salary, to July 1,	25 00
		To Balance in Treasury,		1,328 44
				$8,587 38

The undersigned Committee, appointed to examine the Treasurer's account, respectfully report, that they have attended to the duty imposed upon them, comparing it with the vouchers, and that they find it correct, leaving a balance in the Treasury of $1,328 44.

JOHN S. FOULK,
A. G. DOLE,
J. O. MILLER,
} Committee.

Church Extension Fund of the German Reformed Church in account with JOHN WIEST, *Treasurer.*

1864.		CR.		
Jan'y 1	Cash from	Race St. Ger. Ref. Church, Phila., Tercen'y Offer.		$53 75
Feb. 17	"	" per John Wiest,	"	11 75
May 16	"	" "	"	25 00
18	"	Rev. A. B. Shenkel, Trappe charge	"	30 00
19	"	Rev. Jesse B. Knipe, Pikeland,	"	25 00
	"	Race St. Church, per John Wiest,	"	25 00
21	"	"	"	2 00
24	"	1st Church, Reading, per Daniel Young, for Rev. A. Romich's mission, Phila. $50	"	
		" C. Cort's mission, Altoona, 50	"	
		" S. Mease's mis'n, Cincinnati, 100	"	200 00
	"	Rev. John Beck, Easton,	"	400 00
	"	Rev. I. K. Loos, Mt. Bethel charge,	"	77 36
	"	Rev. S. G. Wagner, Boehm's Church,	"	46 50
	"	Rev. Dr. S. R. Fisher, Chambersburg,	"	500 00
	"	Green St. Church, Phila., for Rev. S. Mease's Church, Cincinnati,	"	32 25
29	"	Rev. G. Wolff, Myerstown, per Rev. F. W. Kremer, Treasurer Lebanon Classis,	"	150 00
	Carried over,			$1,578 6[illegible]

Jan y 20	Cash paid	Rev. H. H. W. Hibsch Cross Roads.....
May 19	"	Rev. A. Romich for h
28	"	Rev. S. Mease
	"	Rev. C. Cort
30	"	Per Geo. Gelbach, Tr Mission Church, Pl
June 20	"	Rev. S. Mease, for his
July 6	"	Rev. A. Romich's M temporary loan).....
Sept. 28	"	Green St. Church, Ph:
Oct. 17	"	Rev. H. H. W. Hibschr for one year).....
		Balance in the Treasu

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b. Report of the Board o

Dr. Heiner was among the most active of the ministers of our Church in the origination of this Society, and for many years was its efficient presiding officer and Treasurer. Its whole business, indeed, was almost exclusively committed to his hands. How earnestly he labored in the cause, it is not necessary to recite. It was one of the objects connected with Christ's kingdom that engaged his constant attention. Assured in his own mind, that there was no other name given among men whereby they could be saved, he was most anxious to spread it abroad in the heathen world, and gave to the work of Foreign Missions his zealous support. Dr. Heiner died in Baltimore, in the fifty-third year of his life, in the thirty-first year of his ministry, and the twenty-eighth year of his pastoral connection with the Second Street Church. From the time he entered the ministry, he participated in every enterprise connected with the interests and welfare of the German Reformed Church, and whilst settled in Baltimore was prominent in all the neighborhood schemes of religious and benevolent activity; and all who were accustomed to co-operate with him bore cordial testimony to his kind feelings, his sound judgment, and his moral worth. His memory will be cherished in our own Church for generations to come.

In presenting an account of their stewardship, the Board are constrained to acknowledge the goodness of God, exhibited in the success which has crowned the labors of the Mission, to the support of which your Society has contributed. No where in the foreign field have the divinely-appointed means of grace been more signally blessed than at Aintab, and the neighboring missionary stations. This is so happily illustrated in a communication received a few days ago, that the Board cannot do better than to embody it in their report. It reads as follows:—

To the President and Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the German Reformed Church.

Dear Brethren: The time for an annual report having returned, I present it in as brief terms as possible:—

Partly on account of health, and partly to see her aged mother, Mrs. Schneider made a visit to her native land, at her own expense, during the past year. She has derived from it essential benefit to her physical frame, and was permitted to accompany her beloved parent to the verge of Jordan, in her passage to the better land.

In accordance with an invitation from the Turkish Mission Aid Society, London, I made a visit to England, during the last winter, to present the claims of missions in Turkey to the various auxiliaries of that Society. As its object is to afford pecuniary aid to the missionary work in Turkey, they often ask a missionary to come and address its supporters. In the discharge of this duty, I visited various places in England, Ireland, and Scotland, such as Liverpool, Birmingham, Manchester, Dublin, Glasgow, Edinburgh, &c., and preached, and delivered addresses to audiences, in as many different places.

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the past year; nor can I report any
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Towards the support of pastors, . .	$300 00
" sustaining the school, . .	427 27
" the poor, ...	105 72
" missionary purposes, . .	114 53
Contributions of the Sabbath School, .	115 50
Making a total of	$1063 02

Their taxes to the government have been $1000, to within two or three dollars.

In the matter of self-support, much difficulty has been experienced, as was anticipated. The pressure of the times has been very severe, and the taxes of the government increased rather than diminished, and thus many have been unable to contribute their quota to the current expense; consequently the salaries of the pastors are in arrears. Whether we shall be able to collect all these dues by the end of the year, remains to be seen. It may become necessary to afford them some aid in these circumstances. While all have not done their duty in this matter, there are apologizing considerations.

Since my last report, a native pastor has been settled in Beredgik, on the Euphrates, being one of the nine above referred to. Another of my pupils is to be ordained at Adiaman, within the limits of the Oorfa station, on the 14th of October, with the prospect of other similar ordinations, as intimated, of the pupils formerly under instruction at this station.

The Female boarding-school,—an institution of the whole mission, and not of the station, though located here,—has pursued its useful labors. A class of eight are to be graduated within two weeks, having finished their course of three years' study. It is believed that all these will be useful as teachers of schools, the companions of pastors and other active helpers, or in other spheres. The whole number in the school has been sixteen. In the course of instruction, a prominent place is given to the Bible, from which daily lessons are imparted, it being a main object to imbue the pupils with the spirit of this blessed volume. Their progress in this and the other branches taught—viz., arithmetic, geography, grammar, astronomy, moral and mental philosophy, physiology, modern Armenian, and composition—has been very satisfactory, as the public examinations have abundantly proved. Female education has been sadly neglected for centuries among these people, and this institution will have a happy tendency to give it public favor.

At the time of my last report, we hoped to commence building our second church this spring; but in this we have been disappointed. The local Turkish authorities have thrown obstacles in the way. According to Turkish law, these authorities must give a report, stating that the site of the proposed church is not near a mosque, and not in a Mussulman quarter of the town, and has no other objections. In this case the report was made, but was unfavorable in its tone; though,

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As the number of native pastors in our whole Mission is now sufficient to form an ecclesiastical organization, preliminary steps towards this object were taken last October, by a meeting of pastors in Aleppo. This year, in May, they assembled in this place and completed their organization. It consists of the pastors connected with four of our stations, and not those of Aintab only. It has received the name of "The Association of Pastors of Aintab and Vicinity," or "The Association of Presbyters of Aintab and Vicinity." It may be translated in either way. Its constitution is brief and simple, and it is composed of the pastors and a delegate from each church, and ordained native evangelists and missionaries. The latter are to act merely as corresponding members, without any right to vote. The officers are a moderator, clerk, and treasurer, and provision is made for the proper transaction of all such business as falls to such bodies. It will take some time before it can go into full operation, and meanwhile the organization of churches, ordinations, installations, &c., will be conducted by the missionaries as heretofore. But as soon as the body is prepared to assume these services, they will do so. In the consummation of this work, the missionaries will give their advice and influence to whatever degree may be necessary. The inexperience of the pastors leads them to seek this, as is most natural. It is supposed that as the missionaries were the means, under God, of bringing both churches and pastors into existence, their moral influence is sufficient for all practical purposes, without their being members in full.

You will perceive that this action contemplates independence from ecclesiastical bodies in America. The missionaries in the field are Presbyterian, Congregational, and German Reformed; but we are all unanimous in the opinion, that it is better for these churches to have such an organization, than to be connected with some ecclesiastical body in America, and each one of us is willing to waive the peculiarities of his own church connection for the benefit of these infant churches. In the progress of time, and with the extension of the work, such organizations, for convenience sake, will multiply, and probably these several bodies will ultimately be united. In our opinion, it is far better to have these churches thus gathered into one organization, than to have different Presbyteries, Associations, and Classes scattered among them. Let them be started without a division into different denominations, with their attendant disadvantages. In this opinion we all concur.

It will make my communication too long to enter into any argument on the subject, and I will only throw out a few thoughts. A connection with American ecclesiastical bodies will greatly embarrass,—nay, even prevent,—the transaction of business. Suppose an appeal is made from the action of this, and similar bodies, to a Synod in America (and, with so many churches, this is very likely to occur), who is to defray the expense of going to America? The parties never could meet them. When they arrive there, who is to be their interpreter to Synod? Shall a missionary leave his work, and consume

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The influence of this example, it is hoped will not be lost upon our own Church. It ought, indeed, to be a matter of special gratitude to God that, as a Church, we have been led to contribute to a Mission which has been so signally blessed; and it should stir up the pure minds of our people to greater zeal and exertion in promoting the interests of Christ's kingdom. If God has been pleased so highly to favor us in the little we have thus far done in his service, it should prompt us surely to increased diligence and activity for the future. It is true, the prospects for the present in our once happy land are dark and portentous; but may we not hope that the lowering cloud will speedily pass away,—that the people, in view of the judgments that are coming upon them, will humble themselves under the mighty hand of God, and, turning from the error of their way, will again be restored to favor, and be made to abound in every good word and work?

We also learn from Dr. Schneider's report, that the question of a regular ecclesiastical connection with the Churches at home has engaged the attention, and been the subject of earnest discussion among the missionaries at Aintab and other stations of Central Turkey; and as the question has been before the minds of some of our ministers, and has awakened considerable interest among our people, it is thought that the views and arguments presented by Dr. Schneider, as the unanimous conviction of himself and colleagues, should be candidly considered by the Board, and by Synod, as the ultimate arbiter in the case. In this connection, the correspondence of your worthy Treasurer with the Foreign Secretary of the American Board is of special interest in explanation of the general subject.

The account of your Treasurer shows that the aggregate of receipts

from all sources, during the past year, is . . .	$2,539 67
The disbursements during the same period are . .	1,169 67
Leaving a balance in his hands of	$1,370 00
This balance was made up of contributions:—	
To the general fund, ...	$802 73
Second Church at Aintab, ...	10 05
Tercentenary gifts, ...	557 22
	$1,370 00

From this it will appear, that the receipts for the year now past are nearly one-third greater in the aggregate than they were the previous year. It is earnestly hoped that the ratio of increase will be greatly enlarged during the year that is to come.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD C. WOLFF, President.

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1863.	Amount brought forward,		$347 23
Dec. 15	Rev. Dr. Fisher, received by him of Clarion Classis, per Rev. J. H. Apple,		48 20
25	Cedar Hill S. School, Berks county, Rev. John S. Ermentrout		4 00
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Jan. 8	Reformed Salem Church, Harrisburg, Pa., per D. W. Gross, monthly collection,		187 41
11	Tercentenary offerings of members Race street Reformed Church, Philadelphia, per J. Wiest; C. Santee and family, $50; A. L. Kaub and wife, $5C; A. Stein, $2;	102 00	
	M. A. Harper 50c., A. E. Myers 50c.,	1 00	
			103 00
18	S. School First Reformed Church, Baltimore, per G. S. Griffith, Esq.,		83 44
22	Reformed Church, Beavertown, Pike county, Ohio, $8; Friend, 50c.,	8 50	
	St. Peter's Church, California, per Rev. J. C. Henneman,	1 50	
			5 00
25	G. S. Griffith, Esq., one of the executors of Rev. Dr. Heiner, money received by him from Rev. Dr. Fisher, part of the balance due by Dr. Heiner, late Treasurer of Foreign Missions, to Board of Foreign Missions,		198 53
29	Rev. Dr. Fisher, cash received by him at various times, from December 23, 1863, to January 20, 1864, inclusive, viz.		
	T. W. Beachtel, Robertsville, Ohio,	2 00	
	Rosa L. Krouse, Second Ch. at Aintab,	3 75	
	Loysville Miss. Society, Rev. H. Mosser,	16 25	
	Host's Ch. Rev. J. D. Zehring, (Terc.),	7 65	
	Annville S. S. Rev. J. E. Hiester, (Terc.)	14 00	
	S. S. 1st Ch. Lebanon, Rev. F. W. Kremer, (Terc.)	46 09	
	Zwingle, Iowa, Rev. F. C. Bauman, (Terc.)	2 00	
	Littlestown, Pa., Rev. J. Sechler, (Terc.),	39 75	
			131 49
Feb. 11	Lafayette, Ohio, Rev. G. M. Albright,		8 00
Mar. 2	Fourth Reformed Church, Baltimore, Rev. J. Külling,		5 00
10	East Susquehanna Classis, W. H. Frymire, Treasurer,		10 00
12	St. Paul's Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa., per J. D. Skiles, for building a second church at Aintab, viz:		
	Margaret Heitshue,	100 00	
	Sarah M. Wolf $18, Catharine Wolf $20, D. Heitshue $10,	48 00	
	El. Heitshue $25, Catharine Russel $5, Sarah Kurtz, $15,	45 00	
	Sybilla Heitshue, $50, H. Dorwart, $5,	55 00	
	Ann E. Dorwart, $5, Catherine E. Reitsell, $10,	15 00	
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1864.		Amount brought forward,		$1,849 42
May	20	Tercentenary offerings, per John Wiest, viz.		
		Rev. Dr. Bomberger and family $10, S. Bibighaus and family $25,	35 00	
		Trappe Charge, Pa., Rev. A. B. Shenkel,	20 00	
				55 00
	22	Ephrata Charge, Pa., Rev. D. Hertz,		8 00
	26	Hummelstown Charge, Rev. M. A. Smith,		33 35
		Rev. J. Beck, Treasurer E. Penna Classis, (Tercentenary):		
		German Reformed S. School, Easton, $67; Rev. A. J. Herman's Charge $23 25,	90 25	
		Rev. W. R. Hofford's Charge, $10; Rev. N. S. Strassburger, 60c,	10 60	
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June	8	Rev. Dr. Fisher, moneys received by him from May 25 to June 8, 1864:		
		Rev. A. J. G. Dubbs, $4 56; Mrs. H. Colliflower, Aintab Ch., $5,	9 56	
		Mrs. Flanagan. (Terc.),	1 00	
		St. John's Mission So., Tamaqua, $20 66; Boehm's Church, $5,	25 66	
		Emmanuel's Ch., West Philadelphia, $6 49; and S. School, $14 51; Rev. J. Dahlman,	21 00	
		Rev. H. Wagner, $4; Mrs. Moll, Bridgeport, Conn., $10,	14 00	
		G. Colliflower, Waynesboro, $3; Rev. J. Hassler Shippensburg, (Terc.), $5,	8 00	
				79 22
	20	Manchester Charge, Md., Rev. J. W. Hoffmeier, (Terc.),		25 00
Aug.	19	Reedsburg Co., Wayne county, Ohio, Rev. J. J. Excell,		7 55
		Ev. Ref. Church, Buffalo, N. Y., Rev. J. B. Kniest,		4 10
Sept.	2	Brownback Charge, East Vincent, Pa., Rev. W. Sorber		20 00
	16	John Wiest and wife, Philadelphia		50 00
	17	Rev. Dr. Fisher, moneys received by him:		
		Rev. S. H. Reid, $5; "Good Will," from the army, $5,	10 00	
		Rev. D. Rothrock, $8 85; A Soldier, $3; Reformed Church, Lima, O., $2,	13 25	
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	20	Bethlehem Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Rev. J. G. Neuber		1 00
	22	Savannah Ch., Ohio, per Rev. D. R. Moore,		15 10
	29	Rev. Samuel Hess, Hellertown, Pa.,		5 00
Oct.	3	Rev. D. Willers, Fayette, N. Y.,		10 00
	10	Rev. W. F. Colliflower,		6 58
		Do do for 2d Ch. at Aintab,		5 05
	11	G. S. Griffith, Esq., one of the Executors of Rev. E. Heiner, D. D., former Treasurer of Foreign Missions, Balance in hands of Dr. Heiner, due the Board, (after deducting $2 24, retained by the Secretary to		
		Carried over,		$2,298 57

1864.	Amount brought over,.....		$2,298 57
Oct. 11	purchase new Minute Book for the Board, and also deducting $200 for a typographical error in the published account of the Treasurer, on page 74, Synod's Minutes for 1863, in the Item of "*July* 28, *American Board for the Aintab Mission,*")..... (This $200, with the $198 53 received and charged to R. F. Kelker, Jan. 25, 1864, in this account, makes the whole amount received from the Executor of Dr. Heiner by R. F. Kelker, Treas., $398 53.)		200 00
12	Salem Church at Decatur, Adams county, Indiana, Rev. Carl Jaekel,.....		8 25
	Rev. Dr. Fisher, moneys received by him from Hill Church, (Terc.) per Rev. F. W. Kremer,.....	50	
	N. Goshenhoppen and Great Swamp Churches Rev. C. Z. Weiser,.....	5 00	
			5 50
14	Whitemarsh church, Blue Bell, Pa., Rev. S. G. Wagner, (Terc.),.....		5 35
15	Rev. Dr. Fisher, (Terc.) contribution Edw'd Good and Chas. A. Kefauver, Tiffin, O....		2 00
18	Fourth Ger. Ref. Church, Baltimore, Rev. J. Külling,.....		20 00
	Total receipts,.....		$2,539 67

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April 21	By Cash paid J. M. Gordon, Treasurer American Board Commissioners of Foreign Missions, for the Mission at Aintab, Syria, for use of Rev. B. Schneider, D. D., per receipt,.....		$750 00
	By Cash paid J. M. Gordon, Treasurer American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions, for use in erecting the Second Church in Aintab, Syria, under the charge of Rev. B. Schneider, per receipt,		387 92
May 9	By abatements allowed Executors of Robert Shafer, dec'd, U. S. tax $12 50, Maryland tax $6 25,.....	$18 75	
	Allowance claimed by Executors for anticipating payment,.....	10 00	
			28 75
Sept. 17	By allowance made Rev. Dr. Fisher for error made by him in remitting Geo. Colliflower's donation of $3, June 6th, 1864, having sent the same in a check of May 18, 1864,.....		3 00
	Carried forward.....		$1,169 67

1864.	Amount brought forward.....	$1,169 67
Oct. 18	By Cash on hand deposited to credit of Treasurer in the First National Bank of Harrisburg,.....	1,370 00
		$2,589 67

Synopsis.

Received from estate of Rev. Dr. Heiner, late Treas.,..	$398 53	
" " Ordinary contributions for Foreign Missions,.....	1,185 95	
" For building Second church at Aintab,.....	397 97	
" Tercent. gifts for Foreign Missions,.....	557 22	
		$2,589 67

Disbursements.

To American Board C. F. M., for Aintab Mission,.....	$750 00	
" for building Second church at Aintab,...	387 92	
To Shafer's Exe'rs, for abatement and tax on legacy,.	28 75	
To Dr. Fisher, for error in his remittance of G. Colliflower's donation,.....	3 00	
		1,169 67
Remainder on hand,.....		$1,370 00
Which is constituted as follows:		
General Fund,.....	$802 73	
Second church at Aintab,.....	10 05	
Tercentenary Gifts,.....	557 22	
		$1,370 00

To the Reverend Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States:

The undersigned respectfully submits the foregoing report of his receipts and disbursements as Treasurer of your Board of Foreign Missions from October 27, 1863, to October 18, 1864, inclusive. The balance remaining on hand at the latter date is thirteen hundred and seventy dollars. Of this amount it will be perceived, that $802 73 may be designated as contributed for the Mission at Aintab; $10 05 exclusively to be appropriated towards the erection of a second church in that city. These two sums the Treasurer would feel at liberty to forward at any time (unless otherwise ordered) to the Treasurer of the American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions, at Boston, to be used at Aintab, but he has awaited the direction of your Reverend Body in reference to the $557 22, designated by the donors as *Tercentenary Gifts*, and he would, therefore, ask the pleasure of Synod in regard to this particular item.

He also begs leave to submit the correspondence between Rev. Dr. Anderson, Foreign Secretary of the American Board, and himself, which has taken place during the past year. This correspondence

explains itself, and opens up for the consideration of your Reverend Body a question of vital importance as concerns the future Missionary operations of the German Reformed Church, a decision upon which cannot, in the nature of the case, be much longer delayed.

May the Holy Spirit guide you in all your deliberations upon a cause so dear to every enlightened Christian heart, and may His blessed influence be shed abroad upon our entire communion, that we may be awakened from our lethargy, and as a denomination, be thus prepared to fulfil the parting injunction of our ascended Lord, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo! I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

RUDOLPH F. KELKER, *Treasurer.*

Harrisburg, October 18, 1864.

The Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's report would respectfully report, that they examined the report, with the vouchers, and find them to be correct.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. COLLIFLOWER,
B. BAUSMAN.

The following is the correspondence referred to in the Treasurer's Report:

MISSIONARY HOUSE,
Boston, May 9, 1864.

RUDOLPH F. KELKER, ESQ.,
Harrisburg, Pa.

MY DEAR SIR: The letter to Dr. Schneider, a copy of which I enclose. was written with the hope that he would make known the purport of it to the officers of your Board of Foreign Missions. As I find no acknowledgment of this letter from Dr. Schneider, and no response to it, we have an apprehension that he may never have received it; and, as it is very desirable that your Board should not proceed under any misapprehension, I have been advised to send a copy of the letter to you.

We regard Aintab as only a *Station*, forming a part of the Central Turkey Mission, and on no account to be separated from it. I have not seen a copy of the "Acts and Proceedings" of your Synod since 1857. I observed that they then called Aintab a *Mission*, and spoke of it as *their Mission*. It was that which called forth my letter to Dr. Schneider, as you will see. I perceive that in your letter to Mr. Gordon, of the 21st ultimo, you speak of the "Mission at Aintab."

There can be no objection to making your donations to Aintab, if it be not with the impression that an exclusive property is thereby acquired in the Station. I know not that any such impression exists. We take care to avoid all such entanglements as we had with the Reformed Dutch Church. Fearing there may be some misapprehension, I send you the copy of my letter to Dr. Schneider, and the frank explanation of the occasion of my writing it. If there be no occasion for all this, you will kindly [illegible] the liberty I have taken.

Dr. Schneider informs me, that he has received £200, in England, for the building of the second church at Aintab. I saw the first church in 1855, towards which the American Board advanced a considerable sum; and I earnestly hope the second church will not be large and expensive like that. For many reasons, it is desirable that all our mission churches be plain, unexpensive buildings.

I am, my dear sir, with great respect,
Very truly yours,

R. ANDERSON,
Cor. Sec. of the Board.

(Private Copy.)

MISSIONARY HOUSE,
Boston, April 15, 1857.

REV. BENJ. SCHNEIDER,
Baltimore, Md.

MY DEAR BROTHER: You will, perhaps, recollect a conversation I had with you, when at Aintab, on a misapprehension the German Reformed Church was in danger of falling into, which it seemed wise to prevent. I was reminded of it by the phraseology of a resolution on p. 68 of the "Acts and Proceedings of the Synod," in October last, in which they recommend "the support of our highly prosperous and successful mission in Syria." We know that you sustain an *ecclesiastical* relation to the German Reformed Church, and are happy to know that you do; but to what mission do they refer as theirs? Is it the Southern Armenian? Is it Aintab? I need not state the facts to you. You know that the G. R. Church sustains no other relation to Aintab than the Congregational or Presbyterian does. I see they speak, on page 69, of the "Aintab Mission."

I cannot help feeling it to be important that no erroneous impressions of this sort should gain ground in that respectable body; as it will be likely, when the truth comes out, to awaken similar feelings to those of the Armenian brethren, when informed that they were only part owners of the church erected at Aintab.

You will know what it is wise to say and to do in the premises, and

I remain, as ever,
Affectionately, and most truly, yours,

R. ANDERSON,
Sec. of A. B. C. F. M.

P. S.—I do not see any reference to our Board in all their proceedings in relation to Foreign Missions. I may not be correct in thinking that some reference would have been well.

(Copy.)

HARRISBURG, PA., May 17, 1864.

REV. RUFUS ANDERSON, D. D.,
Cor. Sec. A. B. C. F. Missions,
Missionary House, Boston, Mass.

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR: Your letter of the 9th instant was received on the 12th, and would have been immediately replied to had it not been for the fact, that the Rev. B. C. Wolff, D. D., who is the President of the Board of Foreign Missions of the German Reformed Church, and with whom I wished to have an interview, expected to be in Harrisburg and preach for us on the 15th. On his arrival here, on Saturday evening, I showed him your letter, and, finding that we were of the same opinion, I felt the more encouraged to write you relative to the position or relation of our Church in reference to the Aintab Mission. Those who are con-

versant by reading the *Missionary Journal*, issued by the A. B. C. F. Missions, are, of course, aware that Aintab is regarded by the Board as a Station belonging to Central Turkey Mission; but, sir, our Church has had, and still has, so much to do in her home field, that our ministry and people know very little about the American Board, and seldom see any of its periodicals or proceedings. We are only awaking to a consciousness of our duty in reference to the Foreign field. We have felt the need of well-endowed literary and theological institutions; and, having now about completed their endowment, those of us who have for years been interested in Foreign Missions have felt a strong desire that our Church might begin, in good earnest, the work of Foreign Missions. Independently of the fact, that it is our duty, the reflex influence upon the whole denomination would promote, in a high degree, its spiritual welfare. The Rev. B. Schneider, D. D., is a member of Maryland Classis, or (as denominated in the Presbyterian Church) Presbytery, and as such it is his duty to report annually by letter, at least, to the Classis, recounting his labors in whatever field he may be engaged. You will readily perceive that, being thus intimately connected with us for so many years, we would, as a Church, feel an interest in him, and do what we could to encourage him in his work. We contributed to the Broosa Mission when Dr. S. labored there, and, when he removed to Aintab, we followed him with our funds, and very likely would, if he removed thence, contribute to whatever point he should go. As we claimed nothing for the little we gave to Broosa, so we claim nothing for what has been given to Aintab. What has been done has been done for the welfare of souls and the glory of that Redeemer who has purchased us all with his own precious blood. We only regret that, owing to the reasons given above, so little has been done, and that so few of our ministers and people are interested. We hope for better things, and that the time will come when the Reformed Church will not only contribute through your board, but will also have missions of its own in foreign lands. The denomination, compared with a number of others in this country, is very small, but she could as easily contribute $25,000 per annum, as the small sum she now gives, and would do it if properly enlightened on the subject by her ministry. I send you copies of our Synod's Minutes for 1859, 1860 and 1863. If you will read the pages marked (79, 80, 84 and 85 of 1859), you will perceive that we had a strong desire to have Aintab transferred to our exclusive care in 1859. It is there spoken of as "*our mission*," and Dr. S. is called "*our missionary*"—not that it is supposed that we hold any property rights in Aintab which we would claim against the American Board; nor that Dr. S., as a *missionary*, is amenable to us, having never appointed him to the work. His relation to us is that of every other minister of the Reformed Church, and, as a minister, reports to us annually as before stated. In the Minutes of Synod, 1860, you will find that (pp. 104 and 105) Synod acquiesced in the recommendation that the relation of the Church to the Aintab mission remain unchanged. Since then no action has been taken by Synod in regard to the Aintab field, except to recommend it to the liberality of our people, as per Minutes of 1863 (pp. 68 to 77). I could not presume to say or even conjecture how long the relation may continue. Should Dr. Schneider be called away by death our Synod might go on contributing towards Aintab, and its surrounding stations, or they might only then be fully aroused to the importance of undertaking some point on heathen ground, on their own responsibility, in order to draw out the benevolence of the Church, and increase the missionary spirit in our own denomination at home. Because in our present relation many may, and

perhaps do, evade their personal duty to give by encouraging the idea that the American Board will sustain the Aintab mission whether they contribute much, little, or nothing at all. Should I be spared to visit Synod. or make my annual report to that body in October next, I will take the occasion to bring up the matter, and have Synod *definitely* express *its own views* as to the relation existing between our Church and Aintab. I regret that I am unable to send you, at this time, a full set of our minutes from 1856 to 1863, and that one of the numbers I now send is somewhat soiled through use. I hope hereafter to send you them regularly and in due season. In Christian bonds, with much respect,

Yours very truly,

(Signed) RUD. F. KELKER,
Treas. B. of F. M., G. R. Church.

MISSIONARY HOUSE,
Boston, June 15, 1864.

REV. F. KELKER, ESQ., Harrisburg, Pa.,

MY DEAR SIR: Yours of the 17th ultimo was very satisfactory to us all, and I thank you for the Acts and Proceedings of Synod for 1859, 1860 and 1863. Additional numbers, as may be convenient, would be gratefully received. We have a missionary library of six thousand volumes, and should be glad to bind up and preserve the minutes of your Synod.

Our missionary work at Aintab is nearly completed, and I think our Brother Schneider will soon move on to "regions beyond." Aintab should be left to the *native ministry*. The only thing to be regretted there is the church edifice, erected years ago, which is too large and costly, and the work of necessity, supposed to exist, for erecting another like it. Perhaps they are the only errors of our excellent brother. Brother Schneider excels as a preacher; and his call of God is to move on, as did the great Apostle, only not to fail. He did a great and good work at Broosa, and then at Aintab; and I trust has other similar works for the glory of his Lord and Master.

I am, my dear sir, very respectfully and truly, yours,
R. ANDERSON, *Cor. Sec. of the Board.*

II. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions, to whom the foregoing reports, together with the request of the Classis of Maryland in regard to the expediency of creating a Classis in Aintab, Syria, were referred, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Missions would respectfully beg leave to submit the following report:

Your Committee have examined the two documents placed in their hands, at the direction of Synod. These are the annual reports of the Boards of Domestic and Foreign Missions, accompanied with the respective reports of their different Treasurers.

According to the report of the Board of Domestic Missions, as prepared by the Secretary, Rev. S. H. Giesy, on account of the serious illness of the President, Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, your Committee is favored with the gratifying information, that all our Domestic Missionary operations have been carried on during the past year with much energy, and with very encouraging success.

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The second document placed in our hands, is the report of the President and Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions. The first part of this report contains a very proper and appropriate tribute of respect and honor, due to the memory of that good and faithful minister of God, the Rev. Dr. Elias Heiner, of Baltimore, who so faithfully served the Board of Foreign Missions in the capacity of President and Treasurer, for the space of over twenty years. The second part of the report, contains a very valuable and interesting letter from our Missionary at Aintab, the Rev. Dr. B. Schneider, setting forth the great success, and the present condition and prospects of the mission station at Aintab, and all others in its vicinity. From this letter, we learn that the amount of benevolent contributions during the past year, is $1,063.02. The average number of Sunday School Scholars is 1,200. The highest number at any one time, is 1,500. The number out of the Theological Class, licensed to preach the Gospel during the past year, is 8; this, together with 13 previously licensed, makes altogether 21 native pastors and laborers at Aintab and its vicinity. Four or five theological students are expected to be licensed during the current year.

In this same letter, Dr. Schneider also speaks of the fact, that during the past year, they have organized themselves into an ecclesiastical body, known by the name of the "Association of the Presbyters of Aintab and its vicinity." He also describes some of its laws, rules, &c., and also gives the reasons why, in his judgment, this is the best ecclesiastical body that can be satisfactorily formed under the present circumstances.

In view of this whole interest, and in view especially of the fact of the glorious commission of our blessed Saviour, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the claims of Foreign Missions be brought by the different ministers and pastors before their respective charges, and that liberal contributions be earnestly solicited for this worthy cause.

Respectfully submitted. J. HASSLER, *Chairman.*

III. ELECTION OF THE BOARDS OF MISSIONS.

The following persons were chosen members of the Boards of Missions for the current year:

BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

From the Classis of East Pennsylvania.—Rev. John Beck, and Daniel Y. Heisler.

" " *Lebanon.*—Rev. Franklin W. Kremer, and Chas. F. McCauley.

" " *Zion.*—Rev. Jacob O. Miller, and William K. Zieber.

" " *Maryland.*—Rev. John S. Foulk, and William F. Colliflower.

" " *North Carolina.*—Rev. Jeremiah Ingold, and Thornton Butler.

" " *Philadelphia.*—Rev. Dr. John H. A. Bomberger, and Nicholas Gehr.

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ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The following report was received from the Trustees of Synod, and adopted:—

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

The Synod of 1859 resolved that the present and all future Treasurers of the Board, and of Synod, be requested to execute a bond, with proper security for the faithful discharge of his duties, and that the same be lodged with the Stated Clerk of Synod. This instruction has been complied with, and the Treasurer has given a bond, with two sureties, in the sum of ten thousand dollars.

The Board is of the opinion, that the action of the Synod of 1863, contemplated the transfer of the entire property of the Printing Establishment, real, personal and mixed, to the Trustees of Synod: from this opinion the firm of M. Kieffer & Co. dissented. While the matter was still pending the Printing Establishment was destroyed by the burning of Chambersburg, when further negotiations were suspended.

The report of the Treasurer was examined by an auditing committee of the Board, and found to be correct.

It will be necessary for the Synod to take some action with regard to our investments. For particulars on this subject the Synod is referred to the Treasurer's report.

As the term of one of the members of the Board will expire on January 1st, 1865, the Rev. George Wolff and Jacob Hassler are nominated as suitable candidates for this office.

B. BAUSMAN,
President of the Board.

The Synod proceeded to elect a Trustee to fill the vacancy occurring in the Board. Elder John Meily and Rev. Lucian Cort were appointed tellers, who received the ballots and reported the result. The election resulted in the choice of the Rev. George Wolff.

The Treasurer of the Synod submitted the following report, which was received:—

RUDOLPH F. KELKER, *Treasurer of the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the U. S., in account with said Synod.*

1864.		DR.		
Jan.	13	To cash received of Wm. Heyser, Esq., administrator of estate of late Wm. Heyser, deceased, viz.: Amount of "Cook" Legacy....	$1200 00	
		Balance reported by late Treasurer at Synod of 1863.....	4 44	
				$1204 44
		Carried over.....		$1,204 44

1864.		Amount brought over		$1,204 44
Jan.	13	Also received, at same time, of Wm. Heyser, Esq., administrator, viz.: the donation of Rev. Dr. Schaff, consisting of cash	$100 00	
		Four First Mortgage Bonds of the Franklin Railroad Co., for $100 each, and numbered, respectively, 363, 449, 450 and 476, with coupons attached	400 00	500 00
	29	Of Lebanon Classis, per S. R. Fisher, D. D.		7 00
March	29	Of Lancaster Classis, per Rev. A. H. Kremer, Treasurer		9 00
April	16	Of J. Allison Eyster, Wm. Heyser's check for six month's interest to April 10, 1864, on mortgage due by Jacob Heyser, to Treasurer of Synod (part of Kieffer legacy)		150 00
		Of J. Allison Eyster, Wm. Heyser's check for six months' interest to April 6, 1864, on obligation of William Heyser (now deceased) to Treasurer of Theological Seminary (also part of Kieffer legacy)		135 00
	30	Of Lancaster Classis, per Rev A. H. Kremer, Treasurer		21 00
May	7	Of Clarion Classis, per Rev. Joseph H. Apple, Treasurer		25 00
	9	Of German Reformed Church at Middletown, Maryland, towards the creation of a permanent fund for Synodical purposes per Rev. F. A. Rupley, Pastor		100 00
	17	Of Lancaster Classis, per Rev. A. H. Kremer, Treasurer		66 53
	18	Of Rev. Dr. Fisher, moneys received by him, viz.: 1864, Feb. 24, of Dr. Bomberger, the contribution of John Garner, Pleasantville, Pa., towards payment of dues from Philadelphia Classis on $17,000 fund, directed by Synod to be placed to credit of Contingent Fund	25 00	
		Of Lebanon Classis, per Rev. F. W. Kremer, Treasurer	61 62	
		Of Mercersburg Classes, per Rev. Dr. Fisher, Treasurer	80 00	
				166 62
	26	Of Goshenhoppen Classis, towards apportionment due to $17000 fund, per Rev. P. S. Fisher, Treasurer		45 00
		Of Philadelphia Classis, per Rev. Dr. Bomberger, Treasurer, towards apportionment due to $17,000 fund, directed by Synod to go to credit of Contingent Fund		184 55
June	7	Of Philadelphia Classis, Dr. Bomberger, Treasurer, per Dr. Fisher	68 00	
		Of Lebanon Classis, Rev. F. W. Kremer, Treasurer, per Dr. Fisher	5 00	
				73 00
	18	Of West New York Classis, per H. F. Troutman, Treasurer		7 00
Aug.	28	Of Zion's Classis, per Wm. A. Wilt, Treasurer		80 00
		Carried forward		$2,774 14

1864.		Amount brought forward		$2,774 14
Sept.	1	Of First National Bank Harrisburg, coupon for six months' interest due on $1,000 U. S. 10-40 Bond (Cook Legacy) $25 sold for currency for		60 00
	17	Of New York Classis, per Rev. Dr. Fisher		8 00
Oct.	1	Of East Susquehanna Classis, per W. H. Frymire, Treasurer		40 00
	6	Of East Pennsylvania Classis on account, per Rev. J. Beck, Treasurer		100 00
	10	Of Maryland Classis, per Rev. W. F. Colliflower, Treasurer		80 00
		Of J. Allison Eyster, Wm. Heyser's check for $150, six months' interest to Oct. 10, 1864, on mortgage due by Jacob Heyser to Synod (part of Kieffer legacy)		150 00
		Of J. Allison Eyster, William Heyser's check for six months' interest to Oct. 6, 1864, on obligation of Wm. Heyser (now deceased) to Treasurer of Theological Seminary, also a part of the Kieffer legacy		135 00
	11	Of Rev. P. Schaff, D. D., copy money of 133 copies Liturgy, sold by Lindsay & Blakiston, for the year ending July 1, 1864		13 80
	12	Of Rev. Dr. Fisher, money received by him from Dr. Bomberger, Treasurer, viz.: Philadelphia Classis towards Contingent Fund	38 84	
		Philadelphia Classis on account of assessment $17,000 fund	50 00	
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				$3,449 28

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By disbursements as follows, to wit:

Jan.	29	To Rev. S. R. Fisher, bill of printing	$1 50
	1	" George Bergner for Treasurer's account books	4 25
		" Recorder and Prothonotary of Franklin Co., office fees and postages	4 44
March	30	" Rev. A. H. Kremer, travelling expenses as Trustee of Synod	2 90
April	18	" A. B. Wingerd, Treasurer Theological Seminary, interest received on Kieffer legacy	285 00
	30	" F. L. Hutter, for new minute book for Trustees of Synod	5 00
May	4	" Wm. Mitchell, writing mortgage and bonds for Printing House	3 00
	9	" Rev. Thomas G. Apple, delegate to Western Synod, 1863. Expenses	31 25
	9	" First National Bank of Harrisburg, for U. S. 10-40 coupon 5 per cent. bond, No. 5130, as investment of part of Cook legacy, as per resolution of Trustees of Synod	1,000 00
	19	Rev. S. R. Fisher, D D., Stated Clerk of Synod, for salary and translation of Minutes into German	105 00
		Carried over	$1,442 34

1864.		Amount brought over	$1,442 34
June	3	First National Bank of Harrisburg, for two U. S. 10-40 coupon 5 per cent. bonds, Nos. 18,790 and 18,791, first, series, the remainder of the Cook legacy, as by resolution of Trustees of Synod	200 00
June	3	" S. R. Fisher & Co., balance due on printing and publishing the Minutes of Synod up to Oct. 31, 1863	392 49
	9	" Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., expenses of Committee on Tercentenary edition of Catechism	37 89
Sept.	1	" R. F. Kelker, for back interest and premium on said interest, on 10-40 U. S. bond advanced by him on the purchase of said bond for Cook legacy investment to the Bank	14 58
	17	" S. R. Fisher & Co., on account of printing Minutes of Synod, 1864.	300 00
Oct.	7	" Cash draft of $100, and four first mortgage 7 per cent. coupon Franklin Railroad bonds of $100 each, numbered 363, 449, 450 and 476, with all the coupons attached, making, in all, the sum of $500, paid over to John Wiest, Esq., Treasurer of General Synod, per direction of the Synod of Carlisle, page 85 of their Minutes, 1864, being Dr. Schaff's donation	500 00
	11	" A. B. Wingerd, Esq., Treasurer of Theological Seminary, interest on Kieffer legacy	285 00
		" A. B. Wingerd, Esq., interest (net amount received) on Cook Legacy	45 42
Oct.	18	" Balance remaining in hands of Treasurer	231 56
			$3,449 28

NOTE.—Of this balance, the sum of $100 is the contribution of Rev. F. A. Rupley's Church, Middletown, Maryland, towards the creation of a permanent fund for Synodical purposes, the remainder $131.56 is to be applied to the payment of debts due by Synod.

Synod of Ger. Ref. Church, U. S., To S. R. FISHER & Co.

1863.		DR.		
Oct.	31	To balance due on settlement Synod of 1863, p. 84	$392 49	
1864.				
March	16	" printing and covering 3000 copies English Minutes.	489 00	
		" printing and covering 2000 copies German Minutes.	368 00	
		" postage prepaid on Minutes sent by order of Synod	16 00	
				$1265 49
1864.		CR.		
June	3	By cash paid S. R. Fisher & Co.	392 49	
Sept.	17	" " "	300 00	
				692 49
		Balance due S. R. Fisher & Co		$573 00

Amount still due and unpaid by several Classes on Contingent Fund.

East Pennsylvania	$230 00
Lebanon	26 21
Philadelphia	51 16
Goshenhoppen	72 95
Virginia	77 00
Lancaster	162 22
West Susquehanna	40 00
St. Paul	85 00
	$694 54

Investments held by R. F. KELKER, *Treasurer, for Synod.*

1864.				
Oct.	18	"Cook legacy," consisting of one U. S. 10-40 coupon 5 per cent. bond, dated March 1, 1864, number 5130 for	$1,000 00	
		Two U. S. 10-40 coupon 5 per cent. bonds, dated March 1, 1864, Nos. 18,790 and 18,791, first series, for $100 each	200 00	$1.200 00
		"Kieffer legacy," consisting of promissory note of Jacob Heyser to Wm. Heyser, Treasurer of Synod, for $5000, dated April 10, 1854, secured by mortgage. (Interest paid to Oct. 10, 1864.)	5,000 00	
		Mortgage given by William Heyser (now deceased) to A. B. Wingerd, Treasurer Theological Seminary, dated January 28, 1863, for $4500, payable on the 6th of April, 1864	4,500 00	9,500 00
		Certificate No. 6, dated June 12, 1862, for twenty-four shares in the reduced capital of the Hagerstown Bank, on which $20 per share has been paid in		480 00
		Three several bonds of $100 each, dated Jan. 1, 1862, payable one year after the death of the obligor, who wishes his name to remain undivulged until after his decease, to the Trustees of Synod in trust, respectively, to the "Board of Education," "Board of Domestic Missions" and the "Board of Foreign Missions"		300 00
		Bond (secured by mortgage) given by the Second Reformed Church of Reading, Pa., dated Sept. 28, 1861, conditioned for the payment of $2,908.74, with interest from date, to the Synod of the German Reformed Church U. S., in case said congregation "should cease to remain in connection with said Synod."		

To the Synod of the Ger. Ref. Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Above you have a statement of the receipts and disbursements of your Treasurer, during the year ending Oct. 18, 1864, *as also of the liabilities* of and debts due by Synod, and a *statement of the amount* and nature of the investments held by the *Treasurer in trust.* The first item, in order, claiming attention, is

the "contribution of Rev. F. A. Rupley's church, Middletown, Md., of one hundred dollars, towards the creation of a permanent fund for Synodical purposes." The Treasurer desires to know how Synod will have this amount invested, and to what purpose the annual interest, arising therefrom, shall be applied. The balance, then remaining in the Treasury, can be appropriated towards payment of the debt due to Messrs. S. R. Fisher & Co., for printing. It will be perceived, that, if the delinquent Classes would pay what they owe, Messrs. Fisher & Co. could be paid off, and we should have a surplus of over one hundred and fifty dollars. The Treasurer does not consider it necessary to reiterate the oft repeated advice given by his revered predecessor on this subject.

2. The attention of Synod is respectfully requested to the manner of investment of that part of the "Kieffer legacy" secured by mortgage to A. B. Wingerd, Treasurer of the Theological Seminary. The will of Daniel Kieffer, the testator in this case, provides as follows: "I do therefore order, will and bequeath, that ten thousand "dollars shall be paid out of my estate, first of all, to William Hey-"ser, Treasurer of the Synod of the German Reformed Church of "North America, or to his successor in office, *in trust* for the Theo-"logical Seminary of the said Church; and it is my will and desire "that this said sum shall be invested as a permanent fund, *and that* "*only the interest thereof* shall be devoted to the sustaining of a pro-"fessor in said Theological Seminary, now located at Mercersburg, "Pa., and that said investment shall be made by the Treasurer, under "advice and discretion of the said Synod of the German Reformed "Church, so that the investment may be safe and secure, &c., &c." At the request of Mercersburg Classis (Synod's Minutes 1858, p. 58), Synod considered the propriety, if no legal difficulty was in the way, of transferring the amount of the Kieffer legacy, then in the hands of the Treasurer of Synod, to the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary. This excited some discussion, when it was resolved that the committee appointed by the Synod, at Lewisburg, to cooperate with the Treasurer of Synod in investing the Kieffer fund in landed property, be requested to report at the next annual meeting of Synod. This duty was attended to, as by report of committee on page 54 of the Minutes of 1859, and the money declared safely invested, *according to the directions of the testator*, and secured by first mortgages on first-class landed property in the vicinity of Chambersburg. It seems that the fund was then divided—$5,000 of it loaned on mortgage, payable to the Treasurer of Synod, and $4,500 thereof loaned on a mortgage payable to George Besore, Esq., at that time the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary. This latter mortgage, dated the 6th of April, 1859, was payable April 6, 1864. On the 28th of January, 1863, this mortgage was satisfied, and a new one taken for the same amount, payable April 6, 1864, to A. B. Wingerd, Esq., the present Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, secured upon a larger tract of land. It is evident that, instead of this portion of the investment

having been made according *to the directions of the testator*, it has been made directly contrary to his directions. No consideration was ever given by the mortgagee to the mortgagor, and the capital loaned is, to this day, the property of the Trustees of Synod, and is not, nor was it ever intended by the testator, to be the property of the Seminary. The interest only, which should accrue from time to time, is to be paid over by the Treasurer of Synod to the Treasurer of the Seminary. There are, moreover, no instructions of Synod as far as the undersigned can discover, in the Minutes, authorizing the transfer of any part of the legacy to another corporation. The mortgagor having now deceased, it would seem best that the loan be recalled; and, if your Reverend body should coincide with the views of the Treasurer, that the amount should be reinvested in the name of the Treasurer of Synod, according to the letter of the Will of Daniel Kieffer.

The opinion has obtained, that the Will of Peter Cook made it incumbent upon the Treasurer of Synod to invest the legacy therein bequeathed to him and his successors in office, in landed estate. It is deemed proper to quote from the Will itself, a copy of which has been obtained by your Treasurer. "To the Theological Seminary of "the German Reformed Church in the United States, I bequeath the "sum of twelve hundred dollars to be paid to William Heyser, the "Treasurer of Synod of the German Reformed Church, or to his "successor in office, to be invested by the Treasurer, under the direc-"tion and control of the Synod, for the use and benefit of, and to "help to complete the Kieffer professorship." The Trustees of Synod, at a late meeting, ordered the Treasurer to invest this legacy in U. S. 10-40 coupon 5 per cent. bonds, for the present.

The Treasurer would respectfully request Synod to state definitely how they wish both of these legacies invested in the future, not only that the Trustees may be relieved of undue responsibility, but that the intentions of the respective Testators may be faithfully carried out, and the sums be placed beyond the ordinary contingencies of law.

During the past year, a beautiful seal, for the use of the Trustees of Synod, was kindly donated by William Wagner, Esq., of York, Pennsylvania, and also, accompanying the same, a handsome seal press, the gift of the Messrs. Wiest', of the same place. The thanks of the Trustees were duly given to the donors at the time.

The instructions of Synod of 1863, page 85, relative to the $500 donated to this body by Rev. Dr. Schaff, were complied with, and the same paid over to John Wiest, Esq., Treasurer of General Synod.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

RUDOLPH F. KELKER, *Treas. of Synod.*

HARISBURG, October 18, 1864.

The undersigned, a committee appointed by the Board of Trustees, hereby report that they have examined and audited the above account of the Treasurer of Synod, and find the same to be correct.

A. H. KREMER,
JOHN HEILMAN.

The following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary be instructed to have the mortgage for the portion of the Kieffer legacy executed in his name transferred to the Treasurer of Synod.

The balance of the Treasurer's report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The assessment of $300, for contingent purposes, made by the General Synod upon this Synod, reported by the Committee on Minutes of Synod, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Treasurer of the unappropriated Tercentenary contributions submitted the following report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance:—

Report of D. W. Gross, *Treasurer of the Undesignated Tercentenary Fund of the German Reformed Church, Synod of N. America.*

1863.				
Oct. 26	By cash rec'd from Rev. J. H. Wagner, from Hagerstown charge			$379 54
28	"	"	Lyken's Valley charge, per Rev. E. Kieffer, in part	75 00
29	"	"	Rev. A. Schroeder, Bridgeport, Conn.	7 29
"	"	"	Rev. O. Lohr, Rahway, N. J. Tercentenary Offering	21 12
Nov. 10	"	"	John Wiest, Race St. Church, Phila., Tercentenary Offering, thus far	79 85
Dec. 31	"	"	Rev. T. G. Apple, from Greencastle, Pa. congregation	200 80
1864.				
Jan. 1	"	"	do. from Sunday School, do.	52 25
11	"	"	John Wiest, Phila.	35 70
25	"	"	Mrs. Mary E. Schaff, $10; Anselm Schaff, $2; David S. Schaff, 2; Meta S. Schaff, 2; Philip Schaff, 2; John E. Schaff, 2; Mary Cornelia Schaff, $2	22 00
Feb. 22	"	"	John Wiest, from "Our Sunday School," $7 05; Infant do. $5 00; N. F. Pancoast and family, $15 00	27 05
April 5	"	"	Emmittsburg charge, per Rev. J. M. Titzel	200 00
5	"	"	J. H. Dietrich, $2; Miss W. Hahn, 25c.; G. A. Gerling, 25c; J. C. Youngman, $5; J. B. Thompson and family, $1; Mrs. S. Shillingford, $2; per John Weist	10 50
21	"	"	1st Ger. Ref'd cong'n, Baltimore, per Rev. E. R. Eschbach	150 00
29	"	"	Ger. Ref'd cong'n, Harrisburg, Pa.	1 00
May 2	"	"	Millersville charge, Lancaster Co., per Rev. I. E. Graeff, in part	76 00
13	"	"	W. H. Frymire, Treas. of East Susquehanna Classis	279 75
	Carried forward			$1,098 03

1864.		Amount brought forward	$1,698 03
May 20	By cash	received per John Wiest, from sundry persons in Phila	16 15
	"	for money at interest	19 06
25	"	" Rev. H. Hoffman, from Conyngham charge	10 00
	"	" Rev. J. H. Wagner, from Hagerstown charge	89 00
	"	" Rev. J. H. Dubbs, from Amity cong'r	7 50
	"	" Mr. John McLaughlin, from State Line charge	108 04
	"	" Rev. R. A. Vancourt, from Falconer Swamp, Goshenhoppen Classis	73 00
	"	" Rev. J. M. Titzel, from Emmittsburg charge	61 54
	"	from Rev. Dr. Fisher, Treas. Mercersburg Classis, Bedford charge, $261 34; Mercersburg charge, $136 33; Upper Strasburg charge, $26 95; Loudon and St. Thomas, $100 38; Woodcock Valley, $144 10; Grindstonehill, $20 00; Greencastle, $268; Water St., $245 19; Waynesboro, $807 65	2,009 94
1864. May 24	"	per Rev. E. Kieffer, Lyken's Valley charge, from Hillary Shriner, $1 00; Augusta Shriner, $1 00; Chas. Shriner, 50c	2 50
	"	" Judge Young, from 1st Church, Reading	200 00
	"	" Rev. G. W. Aughinbaugh, Riegelsville charge	100 00
	"	" Rev. S. G. Wagner, Boehm's charge, Phila. Classis	38 35
	"	" Rev. D. Hertz, Ephrata charge, Lancaster Classis	37 65
25	"	" Rev. F. W. Kremer, Treas. of Lebanon Classis (per C. F. M.), from Dr. Coblentz and wife	20 00
	"	" W. H. Frymire, Treas. of East Susquehanna Classis, from Rev. I. Shellhammer's charge	11 00
June 3	"	" Rev. I. E. Graeff, from Millersville charge, Lancaster Classis	52 58
4	"	" Rev. J. W. Love, Mercersburg Classis, additional	1 00
July 21	"	" Rev. D. Hertz, from Ephrata charge	3 30
13	"	" Rev. D. Rothrock, Goshenhoppen Classis	82 60
23	"	" Rev. Edmund Erb, Danville, New York	14 60
Aug. 14	"	" Rev. Jesse B. Knipe, from Pikeland charge, $74 65; do. from St. Vincent cong'n, $42 10	116 75
Sept. 21	"	" Rev. D. W. Wolff	5 00
		Carried over	$4,777 59

1864.		Amount brought over	$4,777 59
Sep. 27	By cash received from	W. H. Frymire, Treas. East Susquehanna Classis, collected in Rev. N. E. Bressler's charge	18 00
Oct. 8	"	" Rev. S. G. Wagner, from Whitemarsh cong'n	40 05
	"	" Rev. W. F. Colliflower, from Miss Young, Jefferson, Md	10 00
19	"	" Mrs. Anna Riegle and daughters, of St. John's cong'n, Lebanon	10 00
			$4,855 64

The above sum is all of the undesignated fund that has come into this Treasury, and is ready to be paid to the Seminary Treasury.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. GROSS, *Treasurer.*

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:—

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report:

That they received the report of the Treasurer of Synod, and that of the Treasurer of the unappropriated Tercentenary Funds of the German Reformed Church. From the former we learn, that during the past year the sum of $3,449 28 was received, and $3,217 72 expended, leaving a balance of $231 56 in the hands of the Treasurer, of which, however, $100 are a contribution to be invested in a permanent fund for Synodical purposes.

There is still due S. R. Fisher & Co., for printing Minutes of Synod, a balance of		$573 00
The expenditures of Synod during the coming year, owing to the increased price of material and labor, are estimated at		1,800 00
To this amount must be added a part of the expenditures of the General Synod, referred to your Committee		300 00
Total		$2,673 00
To defray these expenses there is a balance in the Treasury of	$131 56	
Due Synod by several Classes	694 54	
		$826 10
Leaving to be provided for a balance of		$1,846 90

To meet this demand your Committee make the following assessment:

		New.	Old.	Total.
East Pennsylvania	Classis,	$190 00	$230 00	$420 00
Lebanon	"	175 00	26 21	201 21
Zion	"	190 00		190 00
Maryland	"	190 00		190 00
Philadelphia	"	175 00	51 16	226 16
Mercersburg	"	190 00		190 00
Goshenhoppen	"	140 00	72 95	212 95
Virginia	"		77 00	77 00
New York	"	25 00		25 00
Lancaster	"	125 00	162 22	287 22
East Susquehanna	"	140 00		140 00
West Susquehanna,	"	140 00	40 00	180 00
Clarion	"	75 00		75 00
St. Paul	"	75 00	35 00	110 00
Western New York	"	30 00		30 00
		$1,860 00	$694 54	$2,554 54

The Treasurer requests Synod to state definitely how the contribution of the German Reformed congregation at Middletown, Md., and the Kieffer and Cook legacies shall be invested, and to what purposes the interest of said contribution shall be applied. Your Committee would recommend the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be and hereby is instructed to invest said contribution and legacies either in the securities of the United States, or in first mortgage upon good real estate.

Resolved, That the interest of said contribution be applied to defray current expenses of Synod.

From the same report we learn, that a number of Classes are still in arrears to Synod. That these arrearages exist, is owing, not to the Classes themselves, but to the negligence of some of their members to pay their annual assessments. Inasmuch as Synod has so often and earnestly urged the payment thereof, we would recommend the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the delinquent Classes be instructed to adopt, at their next annual meetings, effectual measures to collect their unpaid assessments.

From the latter report we learn, that the Treasurer appointed by the last annual Synod at Carlisle, Pa., received $4,855 64, unappropriated Tercentenary funds, which he is ready to pay over to the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. STRASSBURGER, *Chairman.*

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay the travelling expenses incurred by the Rev. Joshua H. Derr in attending the meeting

of the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, as delegate from this body, to the amount of $2.

The Classis of New York, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, repeated their request to have the $75 charged against them in the report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary on the score of unpaid assessment for liquidating the debt of the Theological Seminary, disappear from the Minutes of Synod.

Resolved, That the Classis be referred to the action of Synod on this subject, adopted at its last annual sessions.

A committee, consisting of the Rev. George Wolff, Franklin W. Kremer, Walter E. Krebs, and Elders George Gelbach, and John Weist, was appointed to collect an assessment of fifty cents upon each member of Synod, to pay the sexton for his services and to defray other incidental expenses incurred during the present sessions of Synod. This committee subsequently reported, that they had received $39 60, and appropriated it to the purposes for which it was raised.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The General Synod, as reported by the Committee on the Minutes of Synod, requests this Synod to send down to the several Classes, for their adoption or rejection, the following propositions:—

1. That the last clause of the 78th article of the Constitution be so changed as to read: "Twenty-four delegates from a majority of the Classes, representing a majority of the Synods, of whom at least one-third shall be elders, shall constitute a quorum to transact business."

2. That the second clause of article 70th of the Constitution be so amended as to read: "Its missionary operations shall be conducted by Boards specially appointed for the purpose by the General Synod," and that the third clause of the same article be so amended as to read: "These Boards shall be subject to the control of the General Synod and shall each submit to it, at its regular meetings, a faithful report of its transactions and the state of the interest committed to its care."

3. That the words "Home and" be inserted before the words "Foreign Missions of the Church," at the close of the last clause of the 83d article of the Constitution.

Resolved, That the proposed amendments to the Constitution be sent down to the several Classes, for their adoption or rejection.

The Committee on Overtures reported a letter from the Rev. Samuel N. Callender, enclosing $32 40, the amount collected at the last annual sessions of Synod for the benefit of the Rev. Benjamin Boyer. of West Greenville, Pa. This money, which had been placed in the hands of the Rev. Henry F. Hartman, Treasurer of the St. Paul's Classis, was withheld from the Rev. Mr. Boyer, for reasons unanimously approved of by the Classis.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of St. Paul's Classis be requested to hold these funds for the benefit of the Rev. Benjamin Boyer.

The Committee on Overtures reported a communication from the Rev. Jeremiah M. Mickley, delegate from the Zion's Classis, in which he asks the Synod to excuse his absence. His request was referred to the Zion's Classis.

The omission of the Classes of East Pennsylv ania, Lebanon, Zion Maryland, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, and New York, to state in their Minutes, that the Elders who were admitted to seats as delegates furnished evidence of their appointment, was reported as an irregularity by the Committee on Minutes of the Classes. The judgment of the Committee was approved.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported the action of the Classis of Maryland, suspending the Rev. William Ida, of Baltimore. from the holy ministry without giving him the benefit of a regular trial, as irregular.

Resolved, That this item be adopted, and the Classis be directed to proceed in the case according to the provisions of the Constitution; and that the Classis be requested to call a special meeting for this purpose at as early a date as possible.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported, the fact that the Classes of Virginia and North Carolina failed to furnish a copy of their Minutes, as irregular.

Resolved, That the item be adopted, but that the Classes of Virginia and North Carolina, in view of the circumstances by which they are surrounded, be excused for their omission.

The other items, reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes as irregularities, viz: that the Minutes of the Classis of Philadelphia afford no evidence that they were adopted by the Classis; that those of a special meeting of the Classis of Mercersburg give no evidence of a quorum being present; that those of the Classis of West Susquehanna omit the names of the committee to ordain and install the Licentiate William M. Reily; that those of the Zion's Classis omit the resolution adopted in regard to the installation of the Rev. Daniel

Ziegler; that the Classes of Lancaster and East Susquehanna failed to present their Minutes in a convenient form; that the Classis of Lebanon installed the Rev. Dr. Thomas S. Johnston, pastor over the St. John's church of Lebanon, and, also, appointed him a delegate *secundus* to Synod, before the Synod had sanctioned his reception; and that the St. Paul's Classis had failed to furnish the Synod with a copy of the Minutes of one of their special meetings, were severally adopted.

The Classis of Maryland, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested Synod to adopt the Heidelberg Catechism as the only text book in her Sunday-schools.

Resolved, That the attention of the Classis of Maryland be directed to the action of the General Synod on this subject.

The Classis of Mercersburg, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested Synod to take measures to have the forty-third article of the Constitution changed, so that, after the word "congregation," in the second sentence, the following clause be introduced, "which candidate shall be a minister in regular connection with the Synod."

Resolved, That the General Synod be requested to take measures to have the wishes expressed by the Classis of Mercersburg carried into effect.

The Classis of Zion, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested Synod to permit the Mechanicsburg charge to devote their Tercentenary offering of one hundred dollars to their new church in course of erection. This request was granted.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes, reported an appeal of the Rev. William C. Bennet from the decision of the Zion's Classis, in the case of the Boiling Springs church difficulty. The appeal was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Daniel Y. Heisler, Jesse Steiner, Thomas G. Apple, and Elders Daniel S. Biser and George Besore, to examine the papers in the case, and, if it be found in order, to report the order in which the appeal shall be presented before Synod. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee on the Appeal of Rev. William C. Bennet, from the decision of Zion's Classis, would respectfully report.

That, having examined the documents placed in their hands, and heard the remarks of the several parties, they find that there are some *irregularities* in the appeal, inasmuch as the action of Classis in the case was not *final*, and the *reasons* of the appeal rest rather on the *manner* than the *matter* of the action; yet, inasmuch as the action of Classis, *as it now stands*, reflects seriously on the character of Mr. Bennet, they recommend that the appeal be admitted, and that the parties be heard by Synod.

W. Y. WEASNER, Chairman.

The appeal was accordingly taken up. It was ordered that the appellant and appellee in the case be severally heard, and that each of the parties be allowed three-fourths of an hour to present their several sides of the case, and that each of the members of Synod be limited to five minutes in their remarks upon the subject. The parties in the case were heard; the Rev. William C. Bennet through his counsel, the Rev. John Beck, and the Classis through its representative, the Rev. Samuel Philips; after which, an opportunity was afforded to the members of Synod to express their views, of which some availed themselves. The vote was then taken upon the appeal, and the appeal sustained.

A committee, consisting of the Rev. Franklin W. Kremer, Samuel H. Giesy, Jesse Steiner, and Elders John P. Reed and Henry Yearick, was appointed to prepare a minute on the subject. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee on the case of the Boiling Springs church, beg leave to report the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Zion's Classis be directed to rescind any thing on their Minutes that may be regarded as reflecting on the moral character of the Rev. William C. Bennet.

Resolved, That the Rev. William C. Bennet be directed to convey to the Consistory of the German Reformed Church, at Boiling Springs, a good and valid title to the church at that place, with all its appurtenances, and the lot on which it stands.

Resolved, That, in order to effect a settlement between the Rev. Mr. Bennet and the Boiling Springs Church, a board of arbitrators, of three disinterested men, be selected and placed under oath, one to be chosen by Mr. Bennet, a second, by the Consistory, and the third, by the two thus chosen, and that the Rev. Mr. Bennet be required to lay before these arbitrators, the subscription books, accounts, and any other documents necessary for the proper adjustment of the whole case.

Resolved, That, in the adjustment of this case, the arbitrators shall duly consider all the services rendered by Mr. Bennet, in the erection of the Boiling Springs church, and the funds he has personally invested in it.

Resolved, That Synod enjoins on the Zion's Classis, within whose bounds the Boiling Springs church is located, to have the above action executed at as early a day as practicable.

FRANKLIN W. KREMER, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Synod directed the special attention of the different Classes to the action of the General Synod, earnestly requesting the different Classes throughout the Church to see to it, that the Sunday Schools of the Church be conducted in accordance with sound Christian principles and the order of our Church, and that the Pastors, in their parochial reports, be required to state the position and character of the Sunday Schools under their care, in these particular features.

ARTICLE XIX.

PUBLICATION.

The Committee appointed to conduct the printing operations of the Church, submitted the following report:

The Committee appointed by the Synod, at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, to carry on the publication operations of the Church from January 1st, 1864, the time at which the contract between Mr. Kieffer & Co. and the Synod expired, respectfully submit the following report:

The Committee had several meetings during the year. The first meeting was held in the building of the Printing Establishment, in Chambersburg, Pa., on the 29th December, 1863, when the Committee organized by the appointment of A. B. Wingerd, Chairman and John Wiest, Secretary. Rudolph F. Kelker, Esq., who had been appointed a member of the Committee, declined serving in that capacity. The Committee appointed G. S. Griffith, Esq., (who had the next highest vote in the election held by Synod,) to fill the vacancy thus created.

The Committee took an inventory of all the real and personal property belonging to the establishment, and received a transfer of the personal property from Mr. Keiffer & Co. The title to the real estate was vested in the Trustees of Synod, agreeably to the instructions of Synod.

The Committee were very much gratified to find the condition of the Printing Establishment much more favorable than they even had anticipated. After placing a very moderate estimate on each item

and valuing the real estate at $10,000, but little more than half the amount that could have been at that time realized for it, the assets footed up at $36,909 96. The liabilities reported and assumed by the Committee in behalf of Synod, some few of which were necessarily estimated, being unsettled accounts, amounted to $14,833 48. This statement shows, that the terms on which Mr. Kieffer & Co. disposed of their interest in the establishment to the Synod were generous and liberal in the highest degree.

In view of the condition of the establishment, and the wants of the Church as expressed in various ways, the Committee felt warranted to authorize their agent to procure an additional printing press, and several pieces of machinery for the Bindery. It was felt that such a measure was indispensable, to place the Printing Establishment in a position of proper efficiency. With the one power press, it was impossible to get out the work that was needed for the interests of the Church. The Bindery also could not meet the demands upon it, in the absence of such articles of machinery, as it was deemed necessary to procure. The machinery referred to was accordingly ordered. In the mean time, the Sabbath School books furnished by the Committee of Publication were stereotyped, and the necessary material procured to get out the books that were needed. After considerable delay, which it was impossible to prevent, the press, machinery, and materials referred to, were procured, and but a single day's additional labor was needed to place all in a position of the utmost efficiency, for executing the work which had been accumulating, and the demand for which had become so very urgent. In the mean time, also, the business of the establishment had been going vigorously and successfully forward, as far as this could be effected, with the limited facilities at command. Never had our Printing Establishment a promise of a better future before it, than just at this very period. On the morning of the 30th of July, however, as is known, the greater part of the town of Chambersburg was destroyed by a portion of the rebel army, and in the general destruction, our beautiful and commodious Printing Establishment, with all its contents, was reduced to ashes in the course of a few hours. Nothing was saved from the ruins, except the stereotype plates, the subscription lists of the several papers, and the principal account books, which were in the fire-proof vault. The calamity which had thus come upon the publication operations of the Church, was deeply felt by the Committee, and they found themselves exceedingly embarrassed in further carrying forward the interests which had been intrusted to them. After considerable inquiry and consideration, it was deemed advisable, as well as found necessary, to authorize the publication of the papers of the Church, in the city of Philadelphia, by contract, until January 1st, 1865. Measures were also taken for the issue of the Church Almanac. The publication of the books of the Church, it was found necessary to suspend, until the Synod should make some definite arrangements in regard to carrying forward its publication operations in future.

The following is a summary of the receipts and expenditures of the establishment, during the seven months, extending from the 1st of January to the 30th of July:

RECEIPTS.

Loans,	$3,540 50
For Books,	5,345 98
" Subscription to Messenger,	3,948 93
" " " Kirchenzeitung,	2,149 28
" " " Guardian,	675 00
	$15,659 69

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid loans and notes for material and interest,	$5,111 60
" Hands, material, &c.,	12,556 45
	$17,668 05

Showing an excess of $2008 36 expenditures over receipts. During the period intervening between October 1st, 1863, and the 30th of July, 1864, there was an actual increase to the number of subscribers to the "Messenger" of 310, and to the "Kirchenzeitung" of 398. A similar addition was also made to the subscription list of the "Guardian" during the same period.

The value of the personal property destroyed in the establishment, according to an inventory furnished the authorities of Chambersburg, reaches the sum of $27,555 16. If to this be added $15,000 for the real estate, which is a moderate estimate, the total amount of actual loss sustained in the destruction of the establishment is $42,755 16.

The liabilities at the close of July, were $23,391 52.

The assets at the same time amounted to $20,692 53, made up of the following items:

Due on book accounts,	$7,392 53
" " Messenger subscriptions, (estimated),	4,000 00
" " Kirchenzeitung subscriptions, (estimated),	2,000 00
" " Guardian subscriptions, (estimated),	300 00
Lot and material,	7,000 00
	$20,692 53

In addition to this, the estimated value of the stereotype plates on hand is $2,280 00.

As, however, the dues on book account and subscriptions are subject to a draw-back of perhaps one-fourth of the whole amount, and will require time to collect what can be realized on them, and the capital invested in stereotype plates must remain there, it will be seen that from $7000 to $8000 will be required to meet actual liabilities

above the assets, for which some provision must be made in some way, at as early date as possible.

The receipts from the time the Printing Establishment was destroyed to the 1st of October, from all sources, owing, doubtless, to the state of suspense in which our publication affairs were involved during a portion of that time, amounted to only $1,270 78, while the moneys disbursed during the same period, amounted to $2,192 10; showing an excess of disbursements over receipts of $921 32. The liabilities of the Publishing Committee in behalf of Synod on the 1st of October, 1864, amounted to $24,691 69. The expenses connected with resuming the publication of our papers, was, in the circumstances, necessarily great. All the mail lists of the papers had to be re-set, which, itself, occasioned a considerable item of expenditure.

After the issue of the papers was fairly gotten under way, the expenditure for each subsequent number was somewhat reduced. Still. on account of the great advance in the price of paper, and in the cost of labor, and also from the fact that the mechanical work is done by other parties, the advance of cost over former rates is considerable.

The average cost, exclusive of paper and editing, of getting out the "Messenger" after the issue of the first number, up to the 1st of October, is $67 28, and of the "Kirchenzeitung," $41 86. The present cost for paper for both issues is $130 per week. The number of subscribers to each paper is about the same it was when the Printing Establishment was destroyed.

The number of copies which now go to the army is considerably increased. The Christian Commission at Philadelphia at present receives one thousand copies of each paper per week, and the Christian Commission at Baltimore five hundred copies of the "Messenger."

It will be necessary for Synod to make arrangements for the continuance of the publications of the Church, as well as for the speedy liquidation of the claims against the Printing Establishment for past operations. In regard to the best mode of doing this, the Committee do not feel themselves authorized to make any specific suggestions. It is thought best to commit the whole subject to Synod, free from all trammel. They would state, however, that in their judgment, the first question for Synod to decide is, whether it will continue, as a Church, to carry forward its publications, or give the matter over into the hands of individuals, to be carried forward as private property. If it decide in favor of the former alternative, it will then have to determine whether it will re-establish a printing office of its own, or have its work done by contract.

The question to be disposed of subsequently to the decision of this latter question, concerns the particular location from which the publications shall be issued.

In either case a considerable amount of funds to meet the wants of the Church in its publication operations, must necessarily be raised, and vigorous measures for this purpose adopted and prosecuted. In regard to the publication of the hymn books, and other publications

of the Church, the Committee deem it proper to state, that, in their view, it would be desirable to have them gotten up hereafter, in an improved style, corresponding with the advance of the times, and in view of this, as well as the increased cost of paper and labor, it will be necessary to authorize a corresponding advance in the price of the books.

The Committee, in view of the rapid increase of business, and the advanced price of everything, thought it right to increase Dr. Fisher's salary to $1500, from the 1st of January, 1864; and in consequence of his having to live in Philadelphia, would recommend a still further advance, in case the location be continued there.

The Committee take much pleasure in acknowledging their pleasant association with their business head; and for the efficient and able manner in which he conducted the onerous duties of the Printing Establishment, not only they, but the Church at large, owe him a lasting debt of gratitude.

The Committee, in concluding their report, cannot refrain from expressing their deep regret, that they have, by the great disaster which has overtaken the Printing Establishment of the Church, been deprived of the pleasure they fondly anticipated, of presenting a report of the most flattering character, in regard to the publication operations of the Church. They, however, bow submissively to the severe dispensation which God in his providence has allowed a hostile national foe to inflict upon the interest committed to their charge, and would, at the same time, fondly hope and pray, that this great apparent evil may be overruled for the good of the Church.

A. B. WINGERD,
D. W. GROSS,
JOHN MEILY,
JOHN WEIST,
G. S. GRIFFITH, } *Committee.*

October 21st, 1864.

The report was received and referred to a committee consisting of one member from each Classis represented in this meeting of Synod. The following persons constituted this committee: Rev. Henry F. Hartman, Daniel Y. Heisler, Franklin W. Kremer, David E. Klopp, Lucian Cort, Isaac E. Graeff, Joseph H. Apple, Samuel Gutelius, Samuel Kuhn, John B. Kniest, and Elders George Gelbach, Daniel S. Biser, John P. Reed and Levi Balliet. This committee reported. Their report was received, and after a full discussion and a few amendments, was adopted. The report, as adopted, is as follows:

The committee into whose hands the report of the Committee to conduct the publication operations of the Church was placed, have agreed unanimously to recommend the following propositions for adoption:

1. That the Church continue to carry on its publication operations under the care of the Synod, through the committee appointed for this purpose by the Synod at Carlisle, Pa.

2. That the Synod procure a suitable place in the city of Philadelphia for the use and purpose of a publishing house.

3. That the Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Fisher be appointed, in connection with the Trustees of Synod, a committee, with plenary powers, to make sale of the real and personal property of the Synod in Chambersburg, Pa., and that the Treasurer of Synod be directed to pay the proceeds of the real estate at Chambersburg into the hands of the firm of S. R. Fisher & Co., for the liquidation of the debts of the said firm.

4. That it be recommended to Synod to raise at least $60,000, to cover the losses by fire, and to carry forward the publication interests of the Church, and that a suitable agent be immediately appointed for this purpose.

5. In regard to the suggestion of the Committee to carry on the publication operations of the Church, to have our books executed in superior style, the Committee deem it best to submit this item to the discretion of the Publication Committee itself.

6. In view of the increased price of living in Philadelphia, the Committee recommend that Dr. Samuel R. Fisher's salary be increased to two thousand dollars.

Finally, the Committee deem it every way proper and right that Synod should make application to our State Legislature for indemnification for the losses the Church has sustained in the burning of its Printing Establishment, and, in case of failure, to apply to the General Government for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY F. HARTMAN, *Chairman.*

It was

Resolved, That the Trustees of Synod be instructed to make application for indemnification for losses, provided for in the last item of the above report.

The Publishing Committee, appointed at the Synod at Carlisle, Pa., submitted the following report, which was received and adopted and the committee continued:

The committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod, to inaugurate measures for the preparation and publication of suitable books for Sunday Schools and other purposes of the Church, report that they have attended to the duty assigned them as far as it has been in their power. Several meetings of the committee have been held during the year. Three small books, examined and passed by the committee, have been stereotyped, and would have been long since published, had they not been delayed, first by the want of sufficient press force in the Printing Establishment, and afterwards by the burning of the Printing Establishment by the Rebels. These books are: 1. "Good Friday;" 2. "An Easter Walk," and 3. "Christ and the Lawyer." One other book, on "Confirmation" has passed the committee, but has not yet been placed in the stereotyper's hands, on account of the unavoidable delay in the publication of those preceding it. Still another small

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Respectfully submitted.

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"Reformirte Kirchenzeitung" with the "Evangelist," begs leave respectfully to report, that they have taken their proposition into consideration and recommend to Synod the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That on the one hand we gratefully acknowledge the good wishes of the Evangelical Reformed Conference, but, on the other hand, do not see how we can, in present circumstances, accede to their request.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE SEIBERT, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Overtures reported the reception of a copy of a German Reformed almanac, in the German language, presented by the Rev. John B. Kniest. It was

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be tendered to the Rev. John B. Kniest for the copy of said almanac, and that it be recommended for general circulation.

The request of the Classis of Zion, reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, to take measures to have the expenses incurred by the Synod in the publication of its Minutes, was taken into consideration, in connection with the action of Synod on the publication of its Minutes for the present year. The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have three thousand copies of the proceedings of this Synod, duly authenticated, published, two thousand in the English and one thousand in the German language, and distributed among those entitled to receive them.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to effect a loan, on the credit of Synod, of a sufficient amount of money to cover the expenses to be incurred in the publication of the Minutes of the present meeting, until the same is reimbursed by the Classes.

The request of the East Susquehanna Classis to Synod, to state definitely what other catechisms, besides the Heidelberg catechism, may be used, reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Samuel Gutelius, Walter E. Krebs, David E. Klopp, and Elders Henry Klopp and Martin Rickenbaugh. This committee submitted the following report, which was adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the request of the East Susquehanna Classis, in reference to the use of catechisms besides the Heidelberg catechism, respectfully report that they have given this important subject due consideration, and have agreed to recommend the following preamble and resolution for adoption:

Whereas, It is important to have books of instruction, on the historical facts of the Old and New Testament, for the use of Sunday-

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urgently requested to adopt some plan by which our publications may be furnished to every church member.

Resolved, That, in case the pastor cannot attend personally to this matter, the Consistory or pastor appoint some active and proper person or persons to canvass the whole congregation, with a view to further this work of inner missions.

Resolved, That each congregation report the result of its efforts in this important direction to the next meeting of the Classis, with which it stands connected.

The Stated Clerk was authorized to have return certificates over the several railroads, allowing members of Synod to return free of charge, printed for the use of the members.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The committee appointed to prepare a digest of the proceedings of Synod, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted, and the committee continued:

The committee to prepare a Digest of the Proceedings of Synod, report, that from circumstances over which they had no control, they were unable to make any progress in the particular work assigned to them.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Chairman.*

The committee appointed to prepare a legal paper on the question as to how the Synod holds its church property? and present it to the General Synod, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted, and the committee continued:

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States:

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—The committee which you constituted at the meeting in Carlisle, Pa., last year, on the subject of *Church Property*, and ordered to report at the General Synod at Pittsburg, Pa., have been constituted a committee by the General Synod *on the same subject*, and ordered to report progress to the

Eastern and Western Synods, and prepare a final report for the n
General Synod, at Dayton, Ohio. We would, therefore, respectfu
submit for your consideration, the general principles upon which
have agreed to construct the final report to be presented to the n
General Synod. These are as follows:

1. That our Church property is not held as the same property wo
be if owned by an individual, or a secular corporate body. In t
case the rights of property do not exist in any one, or number of
dividuals as such, but lie back in the *whole Church* in its ecclesiasti
and denominational *being*. The property is *theirs*, it is true, who
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such as move into the same community from other portions of t
Church, who have been received into the communion of the Reform
Church according to its proper ecclesiastical forms, and adhere to t
doctrines of the Heidelberg Catechism, as held by the Synod.

2. All *Church property*, of whatever kind, shall be preserved a
used in accordance with the wish of the donor or donors, and sh
not be sold or secularized, or employed for other purposes than th
for which it was given. But if it can be shown that the purpose
which it was given *can no longer be executed*, and that it would be
the benefit of the Church to be converted into something else, a
used in some other way, then it may be changed. But, even th
not without the *consent of the Synod* in whose bounds it is, togeth
with proper *legislative* sanction.

3. Better *to secure*, and, at the same time, to prevent from passi
out of our denominational relations, any property owned by us, (eith
given by a single individual, or many donors,) each congregati
shall have a charter derived from the court or legislature of the St
in which it is located—said charter, however, to be made conforma
to a form to be laid down by the General Synod.

4. The charters of all the churches, which already exist, shall
so altered as to be made to conform, as well as all new ones, to t
form of a charter prescribed by the General Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. MILLER,
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JOHN W. KILLINGER, } *Committee.*

The General Synod, as reported by the Committee on Minutes
Synod, recommends to this Synod to go forward in the work of
vising its Liturgy, according to its own judgment. The Classis
Mercersburg, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Class
concurs in this recommendation of the General Synod. These ite
were referred to a committee consisting of the Revs. Cyrus Co
William F. Colliflower, Daniel Y. Heisler, and Elders Daniel S. Bis
and George Besore. This committee submitted the following repo
which was received and adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the resolutions of the General Synod, and of the Mercersburg Classis, recommending this Synod to go forward in the work of revising the Provisional Liturgy previously to the next meeting of the General Synod, respectfully offers the following resolution for the adoption of this Synod:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to revise the Provisional Liturgy, which committee shall report to this Synod at one of the annual meetings preceding the next meeting of the General Synod, in order that their revision may be approved and submitted to the inspection of the General Synod, according to its request.

CYRUS CORT, *Chairman.*

Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff, Dr. John W. Nevin, Dr. Bernard C Wolff, Dr. Daniel Zacharias, Dr. John H. A. Bomberger, Dr. Henry Harbaugh, Thomas C. Porter, Dr. Samuel R. Fisher, Thomas G. Apple, and Messrs. John Rodenmayer, George Shafer, George C. Welker and Lewis H. Steiner, were appointed the committee called for in the above report.

A communication, as reported by the Committee on Overtures, was received from the Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff, Secretary of the New York Sabbath Committee, presenting, in the name of the said Committee, to the clerical delegates of this Synod, and to the professors and students of our Theological Seminary, for gratuitous distribution, one hundred copies of Gilfillan's work on the Christian Sabbath. It was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Prof. Thomas C. Porter, Henry Wissler, John M. Titzel, and Elders Adam Haderman and Daniel S. Biser, with instructions to report a minute on the subject, and distribute the books. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee to whom the letter of Dr. Philip Schaff, Secretary of the New York Sabbath Committee, was referred, beg leave to report the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we have heard with great interest the statements of Dr. Schaff, in reference to the operations of the New York Sabbath Committee.

Resolved, That thanks be returned to the Committee for the generous gift of one hundred copies of Gilfillan's work on the Christian Sabbath, for distribution among its members.

Resolved, That we regard the due observance of the Lord's day as a matter of vital importance to the prosperity of the Church, and the well-being of mankind.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the pastors of the various charges within the bounds of this Synod, to preach at least one sermon during the year upon this subject.

THOS. C. PORTER, Chairman.

As reported by the Committee on Overtures, a circular was recei from G. S. Griffith, Esq., Chairman of the Maryland branch of United States Christian Commission, presenting the claims of the Commission. The following paper was adopted in reference to subject:—

A circular from the United States Christian Commission ha been laid before Synod by the Chairman of the Maryland branc the said Commission, Mr. G. S. Griffith, setting forth the good great work performed by this agency among the sick and woun soldiers in the hospitals, and asking contributions from our chur to this important object;

Resolved, That we commend the cause of the Christian Commis to the prayerful consideration of our pastors and churches, ur them to take up collections on next Thanksgiving day, or as soon th after as convenient, for this noble enterprise, and forward the am collected to G. S. Griffith, No. 89 and 91 Baltimore Street, Baltim Md.

The Zions Classis, as reported by the Committee on Minute Classes, appointed a Committee to bring to the notice of Synod a c plaint against the Rev. Mr. Conoway, of the Lutheran church, interference with the interests of the German Reformed churc Dallastown, York County, Pa. This subject was referred to a c mittee consisting of the Rev. George Wolff, William M. Deatr Franklin J. Mohr, and Elders Joshua Motter and Samuel Siegfr This committee submitted the following report, which was recei and adopted:—

The committee to whom was referred the complaint of the Z Classis against the Rev. Mr. Conoway would respectfully suggest following for adoption:—

Whereas, This Synod feels it a duty, in order to maintain frate relations with sister churches, to bring to their notice such irregul ties as may tend to disturb these relations; and, whereas, the Rev. Conoway, of Dallastown, York Co., Penna., has, against the sol protest of a committee appointed by the Zion's Classis, installed a formed consistory; therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod instruct its delegate to the General Sy of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, to which the West Pennsylv Synod, of which said Rev. Mr. Conoway is a member, belongs, resp fully to direct attention to this unjustifiable interference in the af and interests of our Church.

Resolved, That this Synod sincerely regrets that there is a disp tion on the part of any church-members who may be elected to fill offices of elders and deacons to encourage such irregularities.

GEORGE WOLFF, *Chairman*.

The Stated Clerk of Synod was instructed to furnish the Rev. Brown, President of the West Pennsylvania Synod of the Evange Lutheran Church, with a copy of the above minute.

The committee on the Triglot Catechism submitted the following report:—

The committee appointed by the Synod of Harrisburg, 1859, to prepare a critical edition of the Heidelberg Catechism, would respectfully present the following report:

The resolution, under which the committee was appointed, orders "the preparation of a critical standard edition of the Heidelberg Catechism, in the original German and Latin, together with a revised English translation, and an historical introduction, to be published in superior style, as a centennial edition, in 1863." Agreeably to these instructions, the committee have prepared an edition, and published it in superior style, containing a comprehensive, historical and theological introduction, and the catechism in four texts: Old German, Latin, Modern German and English, printed in parallel columns. The English text is a new translation made from the original German.

For the principles which have governed the committee, in determining the texts, we refer the Synod respectfully to the preface.

The work left the press and was distributed early in November, 1863, a copy of which is herewith presented to Synod.

In view of the character and design of this Tercentenary edition of the catechism, we recommend that measures be taken to extend its circulation in the Church.

Respectfully submitted,
E. V. GERHART, *Chairman.*

The report was received and referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Isaac E. Graeff, Franklin W. Kremer, and John S. Foulk, and Elders Joshua Motter and Valentine S. Brunner. This Committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:—

The committee to whom was referred the report of the committee of the Tercentenary Edition of the Heidelberg Catechism, beg leave to submit the following:—

In the opinion of your committee, the committee of the Triglot Edition of the Heidelberg Catechism are entitled to the warmest gratitude of the Synod for the arduous and successful labors which they have performed. The mechanical execution of the work is of a superior order; the historical introduction is a masterly reproduction of the circumstances out of which the Catechism grew, and may be regarded as a grand key to its proper distinctive theological genius. The arrangement into parallel columns, containing respectively the original German text, the Latin translation published with the first German edition, the modern German text, and the English translation made by the committee, is admirable, both as regards taste and convenience; and the literary execution of the whole work is evidently of the highest order. In view of these and other merits of the edition, and the vast results that are likely to flow from its publication in the future, the committee recommend the following action in the case:—

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be cordially extended

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reported the results.

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the death of the Rev. Emmanu
Orphans' Home at Bridesburg,
A committee consisting of the
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man was appointed to prepare
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received and adopted.

Resolved, That we, with sincere sorrow and heart-felt anguish, yet with unwavering confidence in the wisdom of the doings of our God, bewail our loss. When we look at the age,—being only forty years old,—at which the Lord called him away; at the circumstances of his family,—his wife having died only a few weeks previously in giving birth to a child; at his six bereaved children, and at the number of orphans who, through his ardent love to Christ, found with him a father's house, then, truly, is his death to us involved in great mystery.

"God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform;
He plants His foot-steps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.

"Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never-failing skill,
He treasures up His bright designs,
And works His sovereign will.

But, according to His word, "The thoughts that He thinks towards us are thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give us an expected end." And He hath made it well with our deceased brother, who, now reunited in the Lord with his beloved companion, has attained to that rest which is prepared for the people of God; so will we be still before the Lord, and trust that, although His ways are wonderful, He will yet cause all to end in glorious results.

We look up with unshaken faith to the Husband of the widows and the Father of the fatherless, that He will raise up a suitable person to take charge of the Orphan House; that the six orphaned children of the deceased shall find and enjoy that love which their sainted father manifested towards the orphans, and that the Church will regard the Orphans' Home, with its fifty children and the children of our deceased brother, as a precious inheritance, the cherishing of which has been specially intrusted to her.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN B. KNIEST, *Chairman*.

On the morning of the seventh day of the sessions, a communication was received from G. P. Wickersham, Esq., Principal of the Pennsylvania State Normal School, at Millersville, Pa., inviting the Synod to visit the school, either as a Synod or as individual members. It was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to Prof. Wickersham for his kind invitation; but we regret that, in consequence of the great press of business, it will be impossible to visit the school as a body. At the same time, such individual members as can do so will cheerfully avail themselves of the privilege.

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Lancaster, Oct. 26, 1864.

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Special committees, appointed

to join with Synod in invoking His continual benediction upon all the results of this jubilee year.

Respectfully submitted,

H. HARBAUGH, *Chairman.*

The following is the report of the Proceedings of the Tercentenary Convention held in Reading, Pa., in May, 1864, as furnished by the Secretaries of said Convention, and ordered to be incorporated in these Minutes:

MINUTES OF THE TERCENTENARY CONVENTION IN READING, PA., MAY 21ST–25TH, 1864.

The General Convention of the German Reformed Church in the United States, to close the Tercentenary celebration of the formation and adoption of the Heidelberg Catechism, met in the First German Reformed Church, in Reading, Pa., on Saturday evening, May 21st. 1864, at 7½ o'clock P. M., in accordance with the call issued by the Committee of Arrangements, appointed by the Synod of said Church.

The opening sermon was preached by the Rev. Daniel Zacharias, D. D., of Frederick City, Md., on the words, "Praise ye the Lord; praise the Lord, O my soul." (Psalm 146: 1.)

At the close of the sermon, the Convention was called to order, and the Rev. John N. Nevin, D. D., appointed President *pro tem.*, who opened the Convention with prayer. The Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*

It was then

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to report officers for the permanent organization of the Convention, and to propose an order of business for the Convention. The Committee was constituted as follows: Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., Rev. Thos. G. Apple, Rev. I. E. Graeff, and Messrs. E. J. Zahm and John Wiest.

In order to have an accurate record of all the delegates present, it was resolved that a Committee be appointed to receive the names of the members of the Convention, and prepare a list for the use of the Convention. The Committee consists of the Rev. B. S. Schneck, D. D., Prof. Thos. C. Porter, A. H. Kremer, and Messrs. W. E. Schmertz, and George Besore. The Convention adjourned until Monday morning, at 9 o'clock.

On Sunday morning, a sermon was preached in the German language by the Rev. Dr. P. Schaff, after which the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to the members of the Convention, and the congregation worshiping in the First Church, in both the German and English languages.

In the afternoon there was a new and interesting feature added to the occasion, by a joint convention of all the German Reformed Sunday schools of the place, which was held in the First Church. It was

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Rev. Dr. E. V. Gerhart, *Presi*

Rev. Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger,
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Rev. N. Gehr, Rev. D. Gans, Rev
Esq., William E. Schmertz, Esq.,
Zeller, Esq., *Vice-Presidents.*

Recording Secretaries—Rev. S
B. Russell.

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Treasurer—Daniel W. Gross, E

The President, on assuming the
marks, referring, in brief, to the

The Committee further recommend that, immediately after the appointment of the above-named Committees, the reports from the different Classes to this Convention be read.

In addition to this, it was resolved, according to the recommendation of said Committee, that the Convention take a recess on Tuesday morning, for the purpose of attending the services of the Inauguration of the Rev. Dr. H. Harbaugh, as Professor elect of Didactic and Practical Theology, in the Theological Seminary, at Mercersburg, Pa.

It being resolved that the Committees called for, in the order of business adopted by the Convention, shall consist of five members. —three clerical and two lay delegates,—those Committees were constituted as follows:—

Census of the Church—Rev. John Beck, S. Philips, Dr. Samuel R. Fisher, and Dr. W. Mayburry and J. David Miller, Esq.

Tercentenary Offerings—Rev. J. S. Foulk, J. H. Wagner, and Geo. W. Aughinbaugh and George Besore, Esq., and D. W. Gross, Esq.

Unappropriated Funds—Rev. Thos. G. Apple, Prof. T. C. Porter, F. W. Kremer, and Chas. Santee, Esq., and Edward J. Zahm, Esq.

Report on Benevolence—Rev. Dr. H. Harbaugh, Dr. B. C. Wolff, W. K. Zieber, and Wm. E. Schmertz, Esq., and Isaac McHose, Esq.

The following persons were appointed to furnish the public press with an abstract of the proceedings of this Convention: Rev. E. Higbee, Rev. Thos. G. Apple, and Hon. John W. Killinger.

The Rev. Dr. G. Seibert was appointed to forward a report of the doings of this Convention, and of the Tercentenary operations of the German Reformed Church of the United States of America, to the "Neue Evangelische Kirchen-Zeitung," of Berlin, and the "Erlanger Reformirte Kirchen-Zeitung."

The Committee appointed to prepare a list of the members of Convention, arranged according to the Classes and pastoral charges, reported, through their Chairman, Rev. Dr. B. S. Schneck. This report was received, and the Committee continued, with instructions to perfect the roll by registering the names of delegates as they arrive.

The Convention then proceeded to the reading of the reports of the different Classes, in the order in which they are published in the Minutes of Synod.

Reports from the Classes of East Pennsylvania, Zion, and Maryland were received and read. The report from the Classis of Philadelphia was also received, read, in part, and recommitted, to be taken up again during the afternoon session.

The Convention adjourned until two o'clock this afternoon. Closed with singing, and prayer by Rev. George Wolff.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, 2 o'clock, May 23.

The session was *opened* with singing, and prayer by the Rev. *Walter E. Krebs. In the* absence of the President of Philadelphia

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Several papers, addressed to the Convention, were presented by the President, and referred to the Committees to which they properly belonged. The subject under discussion at the close of yesterday afternoon's session was laid on the table to make room for other business. A communication was received from Dr. L. H. Steiner, of Frederick, Md., and read by the Recording Secretary. The writer deeply regretted his absence, bears to the Convention a cordial greeting, and expresses a lively interest in all the proceedings of this body. A minute of the reception of this letter was ordered to be entered upon the records.

The Convention, according to resolution, took a recess at 9 o'clock, to enable the members to participate in the exercises connected with the inauguration of the Rev. Dr. H. Harbaugh, as Professor of Practical and Didactic Theology, in the Theological Seminary, at Mercersburg. These services were of an exceedingly interesting and solemn character. They were opened with an invocation by the Rev. Dr. J. W. Nevin, who presided on the occasion. This was followed by the singing of an appropriate hymn, joined in by the whole congregation. The Chairman of the Committee on Inauguration read a lesson from Scripture, after which prayer was offered by the Rev. D. Gans. Some introductory remarks were then made by the Rev. Dr. J. W. Nevin, after which the obligation of the office, prescribed by the Constitution, was administered to the Professor elect by the Chairman, assisted by the Rev. Dr. D. Zacharias. The Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Fisher then delivered the charge to the Professor, and after the congregation had joined in the singing of another hymn, the Rev. Dr. H. Harbaugh delivered his inaugural address. This address occupied a little over two hours in delivery. These interesting exercises were closed by the pronouncing of the Apostolic Benediction, by the Rev. Dr. Nevin. The Convention resumed its business, and immediately adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 2 o'clock, May 24th.

This afternoon's session was opened with the usual religious exercises. Prayer by the Rev. Wm. Sorber.

The Presidents of the Classes of Lebanon and New York reported the Tercentenary doings of their several Classes. The reports were received and referred to the Committees on the Census of the Church and Tercentenary Offerings.

The resolution offered by the Rev. Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, which was still pending at the adjournment of yesterday afternoon's session, and laid on the table at the opening of this morning's session, was taken up, and, after further discussion, and the suggestion of several important amendments, the whole subject was finally disposed of by referring it to the Committee on Tercentenary Offerings.

The Committee on the Census of the Church reported, through their Chairman, Rev. John Beck. This report was received, taken up item by item, and, after a slight amendment, adopted.

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their Clerks for the labor performed in fulfilling the duties prescribed in item No. 3 of above report.

A report was received from the Rev. Joshua H. Derr, who had been appointed an agent by the Synod to solicit Tercentenary contributions, in aid of the Theological Seminary. This report was referred back to the general Tercentenary Committee. The following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That the Committee raised to report on the theological and religious aspect of the Church during the Tercentenary jubilee be instructed to render such report during the evening session.

The Committee appointed to report on the propriety of inaugurating a third professorship in the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg. submitted their report. This report is as follows:—

The Committee on the founding of a Tercentenary Theological Professorship beg leave to propose the following action, subject to the ratification of the Eastern Synod, at its next meeting, in October:—

Whereas, The enlargement and complete endowment of our literary and theological institutions was one of the most prominent objects of the Tercentenary movement; and

Whereas, The Synod, at its last meeting, at Carlisle, expressly requested the General Synod to take into consideration the propriety of founding one or two Tercentenary professorships,—a request which, for some unaccountable reason, was overlooked in the action of the General Synod, at its meeting in November last; therefore,

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Convention, it is eminently proper and desirable to found, in connection with thegreat Tercentenary movement, a third regular professorship in our Theological Seminary, under the name and title of the *Tercentenary Professorship*, which shall be a perpetual, living memorial of this Tercentenary year, and of the many rich blessings which the Lord has mercifully vouchsafed to our branch of His Holy Catholic Church.

Resolved. That the duties of this Tercentenary professorship shall be hereafter defined by Synod, on consultation with the Board of Visitors and the Faculty of the Seminary.

Resolved, That the Tercentenary donations already made to the Seminary, during this year, or which may be made, by the action of this Convention, from the funds not yet appropriated, shall be safely invested as a part of the endowment fund of said professorship, and the annual interest added to the capital, until it shall be sufficient for the support of the same.

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. B. C. Wolff, the Rev. John Caspar Bucher, and Elder George Besore be appointed a Committee to mature a plan for the successful execution of this project, and to lay the whole subject of the *Tercentenary Theological Professorship* before the next meeting of Synod.

PHILIP SCHAFF,
Chairman of the Committee.

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5. It has been seen and felt that the Apostles' creed, the ancient symbol of Christendom, is the basis and ruling power of the Catechism.

6. It has revived and strengthened a historical spirit, and effected a more intimate reunion with some of the most eminent representatives of the evangelical theology of Germany, who have heartily cooperated with us in this commemoration.

7. It has given rise to the first Triglot edition of the Heidelberg Catechism, and the first critical English translation of the same; and in the "Tercentenary Monument," English and German, embodying the essays read at its opening Convention in Philadelphia, January, 1863, it has furnished the Church with valuable permanent theological literature.

8. It has enlarged the endowment funds of our literary and theological institutions, and thus enabled them to increase the number and efficiency of their faculties.

9. It has brought the Church to a clearer consciousness of its theological mission, confirmed it in its importance, and laid upon it new obligations to go forward in the fulfilment of this mission.

THOS. C. PORTER, *Chairman.*

This report was taken up item by item. Items No. 1 and 2 were adopted as read.

Item No. 3. This item, recommending the consideration of the change of name, by dropping the prefix "German," and returning to the original title of "Reformed," elicited an interesting discussion, which was participated in by a number of the members of the Convention, up to the hour of adjournment. Before it was finally disposed of, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning, at half past eight o'clock, and was closed with the Lord's Prayer by the President.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 8½ o'clock, May 25th.

The Convention met according to adjournment; called to order by Rev. Daniel Gans, one of the Vice-Presidents. Opened with singing, and prayer by Rev. J. F. Busche. The minutes of the preceding day were read and adopted. The consideration of the subject under discussion at the close of last evening's session was resumed. A lively and interesting debate was called forth by it, which, after the adoption of the third and fourth items in the report, the following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That the remaining topics of this report be referred to the Synod of the German Reformed Church, in the United States, with the request to devote at least one day of their next annual sessions to a full discussion of them, in ministerial conference, or in any other way they may deem most desirable.

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Resolved, That the report be recommitted to the Committee, with instructions to complete it by receiving and incorporating additional reports from the different Classes, and submit it to the next Synod, excluding contributions for local purposes from the face of their report.

Report of the Committee on Unappropriated Funds.

This Committee reported as follows:—

The Committee on Unappropriated Funds would respectfully recommend that these moneys be distributed in equal portions among the following objects:—*Theological Seminary*, *Church-Extension Fund*, *Orphan Asylum*, and the *Widows' Fund Society*.

THOS. G. APPLE.

This report was received and taken into consideration; but before it was disposed of the Convention adjourned, and was dismissed with the Doxology and the Lord's Prayer, by the Rev. E. Böhringer.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 2 o'clock, May 25th.

The Convention was opened with the singing of the 153d hymn, and prayer by the Rev. D. Feete. The different amendments to the report of the Committee on Unappropriated Funds, under discussion at the adjournment of the morning's session, were laid on the table, to afford an opportunity to the Committee appointed to prepare a roll of the members of the Convention to submit their final report. This Committee accordingly reported, which report was received and adopted.

It was also

Resolved, That the proceedings of this Convention, including the roll of the members, be published in pamphlet form; and that, if practicable, they also be added as an appendix to the second edition of the "Tercentenary Memorial" volume; and that the officers of this Convention be a Committee to carry out this resolution.

The report of the Committee on Unappropriated Funds, which had been received at a previous session and laid on the table, was now properly in order; but on motion it was again laid on the table, to make room for final action upon the report of the Committee on the Tercentenary Theological Professorship. This report, received during Tuesday afternoon's session, and laid over for a time, was accordingly taken up and disposed of, item by item; and, after an animated discussion, was adopted. The report appears in full in the record of Tuesday afternoon's proceedings.

The following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That it be urged upon all the members of this Convention to make all proper efforts to increase the circulation of the English and German Tercentenary volumes issued by order of this Convention, and thus to cover the very heavy expenses incurred in the publication of the same.

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of continuing and developing the spirit of liberality manifested by the Church during the past year,"—submitted their report, which was received and adopted. It is as follows:—

The Committee on the best way of perpetuating the spirit of liberality which this jubilee has awakened, would report:—

1. That it is necessary to devise some simple and feasible plan by which the matter of benevolence may be regularly brought before all our people—for which end more time for deliberation is necessary than the intervals of this Convention allow.

2. That, as it is the province of Synod to take final action on this subject, it is regarded by your Committee as desirable that it be continued, and instructed to prepare a well-digested report on this subject for the next meeting of Synod, in the name of this Convention.

Mean while the Committee recommend that the Convention discuss the subject in general, by way of bringing out the views of the delegates.

The Convention, acting on the suggestion of the Committee, entered upon the discussion of the subject in general, which proved both interesting and instructive; was fully participated in by the members, and listened to with earnest attention by a large and appreciative audience.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted:—

Whereas, This Convention has heard, with heartfelt satisfaction and joy, that our Reformed brethren of Austria, for the first time during nearly three centuries, have been allowed to assemble in an ecclesiastical way; therefore,

Resolved, That we give expression of our sympathy with these brethren of the same household of faith across the waters, and that a friendly letter be addressed to them, expressing to them our Christian salutations and our joy at the bright prospects which are opening before them.

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. G. Seibert, Dr. P. Schaff, and the Rev. J. F. Busche be, and are hereby, appointed a Committee to prepare such a letter, in the name of this Convention, to our Christian brethren in Austria.

Reference having been made to the Tercentenary commemoration of the death of Calvin, in Geneva, Switzerland, the following preamble and resolutions were offered, by a Committee consisting of Rev. Drs. Schneck, Harbaugh, and Schaff, who had each separately presented a paper on the same subject, and who were instructed to prepare a report which should cover the ground contemplated by those papers:—

Whereas, The Reformed Church in Switzerland, Germany, Scotland, Holland, and to some extent, also, in our own country, are engaged in the commemoration of the three hundredth anniversary of the death of John Calvin (May 27th, 1864), this greatest divine, legislator, and disciplinarian of the Reformed Church, to whose memory a monument is being erected in the city of Geneva, and a uniform edition of all whose works is *about being* published as a still higher and more noble *memorial to his name; therefore,*

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ROLL of the TERCENTENARY CONVENTION,

In Reading, Pa.,

MAY 21ST., 1864.

CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

Rev. J. Beck, Easton.

Laity.—S. Siegfried, Easton; Ammon Amer, John H. Amer, Moses D. Amer Israel F. Amer, New Mahoning, Carbon county.

Rev. J. Gantenbein, Kreidersville
Rev. D. Y. Heisler, Bethlehem.
Rev. L. K. Derr, Tamaqua.

Laity,—B. H. Scheirer, Wm. Broch, Tamaqua; Hon. Joseph Laubach, Laubachsville, Northampton county.

Rev. J. S. Herman, Kutztown, Berks co.

Laity.—F. Schödler, " "

Rev. D. F. Brendle, Bethlehem.

Laity.—Charles Hartzell, Jacob Brugh, Jacob Billheimer, Bethlehem.

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Rev. F. W. Kremer, Lebanon.
Rev. H. Harbaugh, D. D., Mercersburg, Pa.
Rev. D. W. Wolff, Schuylkill Haven.
Rev. G. Wolff, Meyerstown.
Rev. Dr. Johnston, St. Johns, Lebanon.

Laity.—Hon. J. W. Killinger, J. M. Baber, D. G. Baber, St. Johns, Lebanon.

Rev. Eli E. Hiester, Strausburg, Berks co., Pa.
Rev. H. Bokum, Hospital Chapel, Philadelphia.
Rov, J. E. Hiester, Anville, Lebanon county.
Rev. A. S. Leinbach, Reading.

Laity.—John, Heilman, H. S., John Heilman, P. S., Henry Heilman, Samuel Heilman, Samuel P. Heilman, Hill Church, Lebanon county; John Miley, Lebanon; Johathan Klopp, Meyerstown.

Rev. B. Bausman, 1st Ch., Reading.

Laity.—A. F. Boas, Hon. Daniel Young, Hon. Wm. Heidenreich, Isaac McHose, Charles Snell, Samuel Zieber, Charles Rick, Adam Leize, Samuel Holl, Joseph Hoyer (Mayor,) J. Knabb, Samuel Klopp, G. J. Eckert, Isaac Addams, R. E. Addams, Henry Roland, Joshua Leinbach, Nicholas Dick, Pares Hain, *Mr. Barrett, 1st Church,* Reading.

Rev. T. C. Leinbach, Womelsdorf.
Rev. C. H. Leinbach, Meyerstown.
Rev. J. D. Zehring, Bernville, Berks co.

Laity.—Augustus Christman.

Rev. W. A. Good, Reading, Berks co.
Rev. A. L. Herman, " "
Rev. C. F. McCauley, 2d Ch., Reading.

Laity.—James B. Bechtel, Franklin D. Nagle, Daniel Hall, Geo. D. Stitzel, George K. Levan, Horatio Jones, W. Van Reed, Dr. Joseph Colbentz, David Ermentrout, James F. Reber, George M. Ermentrout, A. B. Wanner, Esq., John Ralston, Esq., Philip Zieber, Ivens Benson, B. F. Swartz, Samuel Bohler, 2d Ch., Reading.

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Rev. W. C. Bennett, Boiling Springs, Pa.
Rev. J. O. Miller, York.

Laity.—W. A. Wilt, Israel Loucks, York.

Rev. Julius Kurtz, Hanover, Pa.
Rev. W. K. Zieber, "

Laity.—H. Wirt, "

Rev. G. E. Addams, Carlisle, Pa.

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Rev. J. Kehm, York, Pa.
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Rev. John Ault, Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Laity. Samuel Zacharias, Mechanicsburg, Pa.

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Rev. J. M. Titzell, Emmittsburg.

Laity. Joshua Motter, "

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Rev. W. E. Krebs, Waynesboro.
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Rev. N. E. Gilds, St. Clairsville, Pa.
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Laity.—Jacob S. Wertz, Jackson Hall, Franklin county; Henry S. Miller, Chambersburg.

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Rev. Dr. P. Schaff, New York.
Rev. E. E. Higbee, Mercersburg.
T. G. Apple, Greencastle.
Rev. R. P. Thomas, Loudon and St. Thomas.
Rev. P. S. Davls, Chambersburg.

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Rev. E. B. Wilsou, Upper Strasburg, Franklin co.

Laity.—M. Bachman, Theo. Sem., Mercersburg.

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Rev. Dr. J. S. Kessler, Allentown.
Rev. W. G. Engle, Boyertown, Bucks co.
Rev. G. W. Aughinbaugh, Riegelsville, Bucks co.
Laity.—*T. P. Tinsman,* " "

Laity.—G. F. Augustine, New York

Rev. Dr. G. Siebert, Newark, N. J.

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Rev. A. H. Kremer, 1st Ch., Lancas

Laity.—Samuel Bausman, E. J. Zah
J. D. Miller, Josiah H. Sheaffer, J. B.

Rev. I. E. Græff, Millersville Charge

Laity.—Abraham Peters, Andrew Ba

Rev. J. W. Nevin, D. D., F. and M. C
Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., "
Rev. Prof. T. C. Porter, "

Laity.—L. K. Evans, S. A. Leinbacl
College.

Rev. F. A. Gast, New Holland.
Rev. D. Gans, Harrisburg.
Rev. Isaac Gerhart, Lancaster.

Laity.—D. W. Gross, Harrisburg.

Rev. Frederick Fox, "

Laity.—Henry Fuehrer, W. H. Seibert

Rev. M. A. Smith, Hummelstown.
Rev. D. Hertz, Ephrata.

CLASSIS OF EAST

Rev. H. Hoffman, C

CLASSIS OF CLARION.

Rev. C. A. Limberg, Troutville, Clearfield co.

Laity.—Jacob Mehrwein, Luthersburg; J. F. Wiant, Curlsville, Clarion co.

CLASSIS OF ST. PAUL.

Rev. G. B. Russell, Allegheny City.

CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

Rev. D. Feete.

SYNOD OF OHIO.

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

Rev. H. W. Super, Greensburg, Pa.

Laity.—W. E. Schmertz, Pittsburg, Pa.; Jacob Dieffenbacher, Allegheny City, Pa.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Elder Henry Leonard, Basil, Ohio.

MINISTERS FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

Rev. Mr. Valentine, Evangelical Lutheran Church.
Rev. Mr. Meredith, Methodist Episcopal Church.
Rev. Mr. Eberman, Evangelical Lutheran Church.
Rev. Mr. Lindermuth, Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Committee to whom all matters relating to Tercentenary operations were referred submitted the following report, which was received, disposed of item by item, and then adopted:

The Committee on Tercentenary matter beg leave to offer the following report:

Two documents were referred to this Committee. The first is the Minutes of the Tercentenary Convention, in Reading, Pa. From these we take the following items, claiming the attention of this Synod.

Item 1. The Committee on the Church Census, of which Rev. J. Beck is Chairman, was instructed to receive from the Stated Clerks of the Classes their several completed enrolments, in order that they may be bound, and presented to this Synod.

Item 2. A report on the Theological and Religious aspect of the Church during the Tercentenary year, was partially discussed, after which the remaining topics were referred to this Synod, with the request to devote at least one day of their sessions to a full discussion of them in ministerial conference, or in any other way it may be deemed most desirable; and a special committee, of which Rev. Dr. Nevin is Chairman, was appointed to take charge of this whole subject, and present it in proper form before this Synod.

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pended upon it, now to abandon it as hopeless and impossible. They would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That the committee be continued.

2. That the Stated Clerks be requested to secure, if possible, the enrolment of those charges which are yet delinquent.

3. That the Stated Clerks be requested to report to their respective Classes those charges and congregations which fail to make their enrolment by the next annual meeting of the Classes.

4. That the Classes be enjoined to adopt measures at their next annual meetings to secure the enrolment of all the charges and congregations within their bounds.

5. That the Stated Clerks be requested to return the enrolment-books, as soon as completed by them, to the Chairman of the committee, in order that the committee may make a final report to the next Synod.

6. That the Classes be requested liberally to compensate their respective Clerks for the labor in making the enrolment.

The expenses thus far incurred by the committee amount to $60.50.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN BECK,
SAML. R. FISHER.
SAMUEL PHILIPS,
J. DAVID MILLER,
HENRY WIRT.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to pay the balance of the expenses incurred by the said committee, which shall not be covered by the funds in the hands of the Treasurer of the General Convention.

The committee referred to in the second item in the report of the Committee on Tercentenary operations reported, submitting the statement of the committee prepared agreeably to the instructions of the General Convention, which statement had also been published in the "German Reformed Messenger." After considerable discussion, the whole subject was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Thomas G. Apple, John S. Foulk, Samuel Gutelius, and Elders John L. Reifsnyder and George Cook. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the report of the committee appointed by the Tercentenary Convention in Reading to bring before this Synod certain topics having reference to the theological and religious bearings of the Tercentenary Jubilee, respectfully present the following report:

We learn from the report placed in our hands that, at the Convention at Reading, a report was submitted on the theological and religious bearings of the Tercentenary Jubilee; the same was consid-

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believe, are satisfactorily summed up in the theses herewith presented to Synod for adoption. In their adoption Synod does not desire to make them binding upon the consciences of any as dogmas, but rather presents them as a historical statement of the sense of the Church in regard to the theological and religious bearings of the Tercentenary Jubilee. We believe the topics presented in these theses are of a vital character for the interests of the Church. We think, moreover, that, in the general and guarded form in which the committee presented them, they will receive a warm welcome to the heart and mind of the Church, and serve as a noble land-mark in the history of our Church. In this view they are herewith incorporated and presented to Synod for adoption, to be placed on permanent record, as embodying, in the judgment of the Church, some of the principal results of the theological and religious productions called forth during the commemorative year of 1863.

I. Our Tercentenary Jubilee has served a wholesome purpose in renewing for our ecclesiastical consciousness a proper sense of what is comprehended in our confessional title, *Reformed*, as related originally to Lutheranism in one direction, and to the Catholic Church of the olden times in another.

II. It is an argument of sound and right historical feeling in this case, that the beginnings of our Church-life are referred, not simply to the epoch and crisis of the Reformation, but *through* that also to the original form of Christianity as it existed in the first ages.

III. The true genius and spirit of our Church in this respect is shown by the place which is assigned to the Apostles' Creed in the Heidelberg Catechism, where it is plainly assumed that the Creed, in its proper historical sense, is to be considered of fundamental authority for the Reformed faith.

IV. It is a matter for congratulation, that our growing sympathy with the Apostles' Creed is attended with a growing power of appreciation among us also for that Christological way of looking at the doctrines of Christianity, which has come to characterize all the evangelical theology of Germany in our time, and by which only, it would seem, the objective and subjective (in other words, the churchly and experimental) sides of the gospel can be brought into true harmony with each other.

Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS G. APPLE, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Tercentenary contributions appointed by the General Convention at Reading, and referred to in the third item in the report of the Committee on Tercentenary operations, submitted their report, which was received, amended, and then adopted. The report as adopted is as follows:

The Committee on Tercentenary offerings beg leave to present the following report:

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called for in our report is $10,691.37. The discrepancy is to be accounted for in this way: that about one half of this amount was designated by the different charges after their reports were sent in to the different Classes, and before the meeting of the Convention in Reading. This has been devoted to Home Missions, Beneficiary Education, Church Extension, &c., &c. The committee feel again constrained to regret the culpable remissness of the pastors in not complying with their request, repeated three times in the *Messenger*, to send on a correct statement of their Tercentenary offerings, and the objects to which they were devoted. Had this been generally done, the tables would have presented an accurate exhibit of the disposition made of all the offerings. The committee recommend, that the following foot-note be appended, explanatory of the discrepancy between the amount called for in the column for undesignated funds, and the amount paid in to the Treasurer, D. W. Gross, Esq.

The amount of $10,691.37 *to the Undesignated Fund will be reduced about one half, as a number of the charges designated their contributions to other objects, increasing to that extent the amounts noted down in the columns for Home Missions, Beneficiary Education, Church Extension, &c.*

As regards any contributions not reported, and, therefore, not included in our tabular statement, we recommend that addenda be made by the Stated Clerk of Synod to the tables of the different Classes, of all such additional offerings as may be reported to him before the publication of the Minutes of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN S. FOULK, *Chairman.*

The following is the tabular statement referred to in the above report:

TERCENTENARY

CLASSIS OF

CHURCHES AND CHARGES.	MINISTERS.	Theo. Sem. at Mercersburg.	Franklin and Marshall College.	Beneficiary Education.	Home Missions.	Foreign Mis., and Alatab Ch.
Egypt, &c.,	J. S. Dubbs,					
Jacobs, &c.,	John Zülich,					
Zeigel, &c.,	Wm. A. Helfrich,		$500 00	$116 75	$214 88	
Kutztown, &c.,	J. S. Herman,					
Chesnut Hill, &c.,	Charles Becker,					
Weisport, &c.,						
Catasauqua, &c.,	Cyrus J. Becker,					
Zion, &c.,	Alfred J. Herman,			10 00		$23 25
Farmersville,	Daniel F. Brendle,					
Mt. Bethel, &c.,	Isaac K. Loos,	$50 00		50 00	100 00	
Easton,	John Beck,	139 00	1400 00	600 00	217 00	67 00
Allentown,	N.S. Strassburger,		1 00	17 60	133 46	60
Tamaqua, &c.,	Levi K. Derr,					
Bethlehem, &c.,	D. Y. Heisler,		500 00	77 14	120 09	
Plainfield, &c.,	E. W. Reinecke,					
Wilkesbarre, &c.,						
Kreidersville, &c.,	Jno. Gantenbein,					
Lower Saucon,	W. R. Hofford,			10 00	59 25	19 53
Hamilton, &c.,	G. B. Dechant,					
Nazareth,	A. Bartholomew,					
Oxford Furnace,						
Old Williams,	D. Rothrock,				8 23	5 35
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CHURCHES AND CHARGES.	MINISTERS.	Theo. Sem. at Mercersburg.	Franklin and Marshall College.	Beneficiary Education.	Home Missions.	Foreign Mis. and Ch. Alatab
Fredericksburg,	John Gring,					
Lebanon,	F. W. Kremer,	$30 00		$20 50	$74 05	$26 65
Orwigsburg,	Henry Wagner,				5 50	4 00
Host,	J. D. Zehring,				77 00	8 00
Minersville,	Jacob Klein,				23 00	
Palmyra,	J. E. Hiester,	30 50		22 70	39 20	4 10
2d Ch. Reading,	C. F. McCauley,	33 00			53 00	
Meyerstown,	George Wolff,				62 87	
Schwartzwald, &c,	Th. C. Leinbach,				17 00	80
Bernville,	A. S. Leinbach,					
Schuylkill Haven,	D. W. Wolff,				73 38	
Jonestown,	U. H. Heilman,					
1st Ch. Reading,	B. Bausman,		$1000 00		170 96	
2d Ch. Lebanon,	T. S. Johnston,		1000 00			
Tulpehocken,						
Tremont,						
Hamburg,						
Pottsville,						
Shells,						
		$93 50	$2000 00	$42 20	$505 00	$43 55

* For Sunday School Literature, $170 00.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

Church Extension.	Widows' Fund Society.	Orphans' Asylums or Homes.	Heidelberg College.	Theo. Sem. at Tiffin, Ohio.	Theo. Lib. at Mercersburg.	Mission Churches.	Undesignat'd Funds.	Total.
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LEBANON.

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Dillsburg,	Daniel Riegle,	
Conowago,	Jacob Zeigler,	
	Wm. C. Bennet,	
Liverpool,	David Bossler,	
York 1st Church,	J. O. Miller,	
Shrewsbury,	Daniel Gring,	
Emmanuel's,	Julius Kurtz,	
Hanover,	Wm. K. Zieber,	
Sulphur Spring,	Geo. E. Addams,	
Landisburg,	Henry Mosser,	
Carlisle,	Samuel Philips,	
Paradise,	Jacob Kehm,	
Zion's,	David E. Klopp,	
Mechanicsburg,	John Ault,	
Bloomfield,	D. W. Kelley,	
Abbottstown,	W. F. P. Davis,	
Gettysburg,	W. R. H. Deatrich	
Millersburg,	J. Hassler, supply	
		$8

* Five dollars have been added since re

CHURCHES AND CHARGES.	MINISTERS.	Theo. Sem. at
Baltimore 1st Ch.,	E. R. Eschbach,	$51
Cavetown,	Joseph W. Santee,	12
Middletown,	Fred. A. Rupley,	225
Mechanicstown,	H. I. Comfort,	
Glade,	Jesse Steiner,	
Manchester,	J. W. Hoffmeier	

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Church Extension.	Widows' Fund Society	Orphans' Asylums, or Homes.	Heidelberg College.	Theological Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio.	Theological Library at Mercersburg.	Mission Churches.	Undesignat'd Funds.	Total.
								$71 35
								166 49
							$136 95	136 95
								187 00
								9 10
							1000 00	1500 00
		$20 00						154 00
								724 15
	$22 52							84 01
							90 00	135 00
								336 43
							154 10	154 10
							149 50	149 50
							100 00	100 00
$100 00								100 00
								252 00
								500 00
								24 00
$100 00	$22 52	$20 00					$1630 55	$4,784 08

OF MARYLAND.

Church Extension.	Widows' Fund Society.	Orphans' Asylums or Homes.	Heidelberg College.	Theo. Sem. at Tiffin, Ohio.	Theo. Lib. at Mercersburg.	Mission Churches.	Undesignat'd Funds.	Total.
		$500 00				$50 00	$130 46	$2244 13
		5 00						393 05
	150 00						300 00	4300 00
								109 70
		134 40						705 40
								50 00
			$600 00				486 66	5086 66
						50 00		450 70
	187 50	1501 96					60 00	1923 46
		25 00						37 00
		19 90					361 54	581 44
	261 00	4 00					23 00	1620 03
								10 00
							10 00	517 50
								247 48
								63 05
	$598 50	$2190 26	$600 00			$100 00	$1371 66	$18,330 60

CHURCHES AND CHARGES.	MINISTERS.	Theo. Sem. at Mercersburg.	Franklin and Marshall College.	Beneficiary Education.	Home Missions.
Carlsville,	J. G. Shoemaker,			$54 50	$3
Rimersburg,	J. H. Apple,			9 04	9
Redbank,	H. Daniel,				27
Petersburg,	J. S. Shade,			70 49	3
Luthersburg,	C. A. Limberg,			68 55	22
Kittanning,	C.R.Dieffenbacher			80 18	41
South Bend,	F. Wise,		$32 00	28 85	20
			$32 00	$311 61	$128

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CHURCHES AND CHARGES.	MINISTERS.	Theo. Sem. at Mercersburg.	Franklin and Marshall College.	Beneficiary Education.	Home Missions.
	S.Helffenstein, DD			$500 00	
Race St. Ch., Phila.	J.H.A. Bomberger	$1130 25	$1529 75	858 00	$1651
Zion's Ch., "	N. Gehr,				50
Salem Ch., "	J. G. Wiehle,				
Boehm's Charge,	S. G. Wagner,	48 76	1000 00	184 50	78
Whitemarsh "	S. G. Wagner, sup.				
Pikeland "	J. B. Knipe,		500 00	50 00	25
S. Vincent "	J. B. Knipe, sup.,			25 00	
Trappe "	A. B. Shenkle,			45 00	63
Brownback's "	W. Sorber,				20
Pleasantville "	N. S. Aller,	1 25			46
Wentz's "	Wm. G. Hackman,	50 00			25
Ch. of Ascension,				5 00	
Christ's Church,	S. H. Giesy,			29 00	
Bethlehem,	J. G. Neuber,		1000 00		70
Bridesburg,	J. G. Neuber, sup.				
Emanuel's,	J. Dahlman, Jr.,		1000 00	55 00	121
Bethlehem's	J. Dahlman, Sr.,				12
St. Stephen's,	A. Romich,				
Phœnixville,	A. B. Shenkle,				
St. Peter's,	N. S. Aller,				
		$1230 26	$5029 75	$1751 50	$2163

OF CLARION.

Church Extension.	Widows' Fund Society	Orphans' Asylums or Homes.	Heidelberg College.	Theo. Sem. at Tiffin, Ohio.	Theo. Sem. at Mercersburg.	Mission Churches.	Undesignat'd Funds.	Total.
							$340 23	$405 73
							43 13	61 42
								27 81
							95 46	172 20
							79 35	170 35
							44 06	181 22
							4 00	103 47
							$606 23	$1121 70

PHILADELPHIA.

Church Extension.	Widows' Fund Society.	Orphans' Asylums or Homes.	Heidelberg College.	Theo. Sem. at Tiffin, Ohio.	Theo. Lib. at Mercersburg.	Mission Churches.	Undesignat'd Funds.	Total.
	$500 00							$1000 00
$117 50		$150 00	$1000 00	$1000 00			$169 05	7810 00
		50 00					100 00	200 00
		100 00						100 00
46 50		15 75			$12 50		38 35	1429 71
							192 73	192 73
25 00							116 75	716 75
								25 00
30 00								158 08
								43 00
								50 10
							37 85	122 85
		47 25						52 25
641 30		167 00						837 30
		150 00		500 00				1720 63
		150 00		500 00				1847 00
		16 66						28 66
$860 30	$500 00	$846 66	$1000 00	$2000 00	$12 50		$654 73	$16,334 06

CLASSIS OF

CHURCHES AND CHARGES.	MINISTERS.	Theo. Sem. at Mercersburg.	Franklin and Marshall College.	Beneficiary Education.	Home Missions.	Foreign Mis. and Aintab Ch.
Waynesboro,	W. E. Krebs,	$500 00	$500 00	$50 00	$52 00	$2 00
Greencastle,	Thos. G. Apple,	122 00	1000 00	10 00	40 00	
Woodcock Valley,	Theobald Fouse,		500 00			
Waterstreet,	J. W. Love,		907 00			
Friends' Cove,	W. M. Deatrick,	104 00	1006 00	317 02	102 07	4 00
Schellsburg,	N. H. Skyles,					
Huntingdon,	S. H. Reid,		500 00			5 00
Bedford,	H. Heckerman,		1000 00	132 50	66 50	20 00
Strasburg,	E. B. Wilson,					
McConnellsburg,	C. F. Hoffmeier,			35 65	28 67	
Loudon & St. Thos.	R. P. Thomas,					
St. Clairsville,	Nicholas E. Gilds,		50 00	45 00	45 00	5 00
Martinsburg,	A. C. Whitmer,		550 00			
Altoona,	C. Cort,					
Chambersburg,	P. S. Davis,	50 00	500 00	116 15	510 00	10 00
Shippensburg,	J. Hassler,	105 00		106 00	100 00	5 00
Mercersburg,	I. G. Brown,				20 00	
	Dr. B. S. Schneck,			10 00		
Grindstone Hill,*				26 00		
Yellow Creek,	A. R. Kremer,		1214 00		12 80	
Middleburg,	J. Rebaugh,					
St. John's,						
	P. Schaff, D. D.,	250 00				
		$1131 00	$7727 00	$848 32	$977 04	$52 00

* Enrolment and subscription list destroyed at the burning of Chambersburg.

CLASSIS

CHURCHES AND CHARGES.	MINISTERS.	Theo. Sem. at Mercersburg.	Franklin and Marshall College.	Beneficiary Education.	Home Missions.	For. Mis. and Aintab. Ch.
Great Swamp, and	C. Z. Weiser,	$500 00			$44 00	$44 00
N. Goshenhoppen,						
Riegelsville,	G. W. Aughinbaugh,		$2000 00	$550 35	52 00	
Tohickon, &c.,	P. S. Fisher,	100 00	45 00	25 00	120 00	20 00
O. Goshenhoppen,	A. L. Dechant,		500 00	11 25	74 19	
Friedensburg,	P. P. G. Hoffman,				27 04	
St. Paul's, &c.,	Samuel Hess,				40 42	
Pottstown,	J. Henry Dubbs,		253 43		97 58	
Falkoner Swamp,	R. A. Van Court,		250 00		50 00	
Doylestown,	W. R. Yearick,					
Durham,	D. Rothrock,	7 50		20 25	38 60	3 00
Upper Milford,	J. S. Kessler, D. D.					
Saucon Charge,	A. J. G. Dubs,					
		$607 50	$3048 43	$606 85	$543 83	$67 00

MERCERSBURG.

Church Extension.	Widows' Fund Society.	Orphans' Asylums or Homes.	Heidelberg College.	Theo. Sem. at Tiffin, Ohio.	Theo. Lib. at Mercersburg.	Mission Churches.	Undesignat'd Funds.	Total.
						$130 50	$807 65	$2043 15
							525 06	1697 06
							144 10	644 10
						522 49	257 44	1686 93
	$50 00					93 00		1676 09
						55 21		55 21
								505 00
						183 34	113 59	1515 93
								32 95
		$13 34						77 66
								100 00
						100 15	9 25	254 40
						114 00	29 00	693 00
						793 45		793 45
$500 00	5 00	90 00				105 00		1886 15
						25 00		341 00
		10 00				115 00	136 33	281 33
		5 00		$500 00		25 00		540 00
								26 00
		1 00				48 20		1276 00
							108 04	108 04
*500 00					$500 00		22 00	1272 00
$1000 00	$55 00	$119 34		$500 00	$500 00	$2310 34	$2152 46	$17,505 45

———*For use of Synod, $500 00.

OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

Church Extension.	Widows' Fund Society	Orphans' Asylums or Homes.	Heidelberg College.	Theo. Sem. at Tiffin, Ohio.	Theo. Lib. at Mercersburg.	Mission Churches.	Undesignat'd Funds,	Total.
								$588 00
							$100 00	2702 35
		$10 00						320 00
							5 50	590 94
								27 04
		39 98					137 00	217 40
		67 68					7 50	426 19
							222 27	522 27
						$346 96		346 96
		80				30 00	76 36	176 51
		30 00						30 00
		$148 46				$376 96	$548 63	$5947 68

CLASSIS

CHURCHES AND CHARGES.	MINISTERS.	Theo. Sem. at Mercersburg.	Franklin and Marshall College.	Beneficiary Education.	Home Missions.	For. Mis. and Alntab. Ch.
New York City,	J. F. Busche,				$100 00	
Boston, Mass.,	L. B. Schwartz,					
Elizabeth City & Rahway.	O. J. Lohr,				22 00	
Bridgeport, Ct.,	A. Schroeder,				7 20	
New Brunswick N. J..	J. A. C. Hoching,					
					$129 20	

CLASSIS OF

CHURCHES AND CHARGES.	MINISTERS.	Theo. Sem. at Mercersburg.	Franklin and Marshall College.	Beneficiary Education.	Home Missions.	For. Mis. and Alntab. Ch.
Buffalo,	J. B. Kniest,				$39 00	[illegible]
Fayette charge,	D. Willers,	$25 00	$25 00		30 40	[illegible]
Rochester,	T. Grosshüsch,					
Tonawanda,	H. Bentz,					
New Clymer,	H. M. K. Strows,					
Danville,	E. Erb,					
		$25 00	$25 00		$69 40	[illegible]

CLASSIS

CHURCHES AND CHARGES.	MINISTERS.	Theo. Sem. at Mercersburg.	Franklin and Marshall College.	Beneficiary Education.	Home Missions.	For. Mis. and Alntab. Ch.
2 Rd. Ch. Lancast'r	I. S. Demmd,	$21 60	$10 00		$138 80	[illegible]
1st " "	A. H. Kremer,	250 00	575 00	$10 00	295 22	
Elizabethtown,	John Naille,		2,505 00	20 50	20 50	[illegible]
Millersville,	Isaac E. Graeff,		500 00			
Schoeneck,						
2d Ch., Harrisburg	F. Fox,					
New Holland,	F. A. Gast,				66 50	
Ephrata,	Daniel Hertz,					
Middletown,	George Kurtzman,					
Salem's Church, Harrisburg.	Daniel Gans,	$30 60	1,500 00	1,[illegible]	136 00	[illegible]
Hummelstown,	M. A. Smith,	160 85		6 50	79 85	[illegible]
Without Charge,	I. Gerhart,	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	[illegible]
Maytown,	John G. Wolff,					
New Providence,	John N. Eckert,					
Columbia,	Jno. W Wolff, sup.					
——— Charge,	Wm. T. Gerhard,					
		$1364 85	$5,190 00	$256 50	$807 93	[illegible]

OF NEW YORK.

Church Extension.	Widows' Fund Society	Orphans' Asylums or Homes.	Heidelberg College.	Theo. Sem. at Tiffin, Ohio.	Theo. Lib. at Mercersburg.	Mission Churches.	Undesignat'd Funds.	Total.
		$4 50				$81 25		$185 75
							$21 12	43 12
								7 20
		$4 50				$81 25	$21 12	$236 07

WESTERN NEW YORK.

Church Extension.	Widows' Fund Society	Orphans' Asylums or Homes.	Heidelberg College.	Theo. Sem. at Tiffin, Ohio.	Theo. Lib. at Mercersburg.	Mission Churches.	Undesignat'd Funds.	Total.
						$47 28		$125 28
								100 10
		$5 00					$13 54	18 54
		$5 00				$47 28	$13 54	$243 92

OF LANCASTER.

Church Extension.	Widows' Fund Society	Orphans' Asylums or Homes.	Heidelberg College.	Theo. Sem. at Tiffin, Ohio.	Theo. Lib. at Mercersburg.	Mission Churches.	Undesignat'd Funds.	Total.
								$461 36
	$2 00	$75 00			$250 00			1433 22
								2550 00
							$128 58	628 58
								66 50
							37 65	37 65
						$372 00		372 00
$55 00	106 25		$500 00	$500 00		2465 50	1 00	6423 25
	21 75							302 21
	100 00							600 00
$55 00	$230 00	$75 00	$500 00	$500 00	$250 00	$2837 50	$167 23	$12,874 77

CLASSIS OF

CHURCHES AND CHARGES.	MINISTERS.	Theo. Sem. at Mercersburg.	Franklin and Marshall College.	Beneficiary Education.	Home Missions.	Foreign Mis. and Alntab Ch.
Union,	I. Shellhammer,					
Bloomsburg,	W. Goodrich,			$30 00	$50 00	$10 00
Mahony,	J. Fritzinger,			40 00	70 00	13 00
Danville,	J. W. Steinmetz,		$500 00			
Lykens Valley,	E. Kieffer,					
Sunbury,	W. C. Cremer,					
Lykenstown,	S. Gutelius,					
N. Susquehanna,	J. W. Lescher,				50 00	
Cherry,	R. Schmidt,					
Hazzleton,	H. L. Losch,					
Mahontongo,	Isaac Stiely,					
Berrysburg,	H. S. Bassler,	$100 00		50 00	75 00	25 00
Mount Zion,	Vacant,			25 00		
Paradise,	D. B. Albright,		2000 00		60 63	
Conyngham,	H. Hoffman,					
Milton,	A. G. Dole,		500 00			
Ashland,	R. Duenger,					
Shamokin,	Vacant,					
Armstrong Valley	N. E. Bressler,				5 00	
		$100 00	$2000 00	$145 00	$210 63	$48 00

CLASSIS OF

CHURCHES AND CHARGES.	MINISTERS.	Theo. Sem. at Mercersburg.	Franklin and Marshall College.	Beneficiary Education.	Home Missions.	Foreign Mis. and Alntab Ch.
Lewisburg,	C. H. Leinbach,	$91 71	$500 00	$20 57	$41 00	$16 [illegible]
Mifflinburg,	L. S. Weiss,	35 00		19 92	80 00	
Boalsburg,	W. H. Groh,	25 00	1000 00	150 00		
Williamsport,	F. J. Mohr,					[illegible]
Middle Creek,	A. B. Caspar,			20 42		
Nippinose,	H. Wiegandt,					
	J. C. Bucher,	50 00				
Rebersburg,	D. S. Tobias,					
Bellfonte,	D. G. Klein,			55 70	2 00	
Liverpool,	H. C. Heyser,			11 75	24 75	
Nittany,	J. K. Millet,					
Selinsgrove,	A. R. Hottenstein,					
Aaronsburg,	Samuel Kuhn,					
Williamsburg,	L. C. Edmonds,					
		$191 71	$1500 00	$278 36	$148 35	$[illegible]

EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

Church Extension.	Widows' Fund Society.	Orphans' Asylum or Home.	Heidelberg College.	Theo. Sem. at Tiffin, Ohio.	Theo. Lib. at Mercersburg.	Mission Churches.	Undesignat'd Funds.	Total.
							$16 50	$16 50
							80 00	170 00
							111 89	234 89
							393 65	893 65
							112 50	112 50
							30 00	30 00
		$29 44						79 44
							5 00	5 00
$25 00	$50 00	25 00						350 00
		11 50						36 50
8 00						$49 75	125 00	2244 38
		5 00					85 00	90 00
							134 51	634 51
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		5 00					25 00	35 00
$1633 00	$50 00	$75 94				$49 75	$1119 05	$6532 37

WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

Church Extension.	Widows' Fund Society.	Orphans' Asylum or Home.	Heidelberg College.	Theo. Sem. at Tiffin, Ohio.	Theo. Lib. at Mercersburg.	Mission Churches.	Undesignat'd Funds.	Total.
$7 77		$43 65					$143 42	$825 46
								164 92
85 50		111 25					332 47	1704 22
							38 74	88 74
								20 42
							100 00	100 00
								50 00
84 25		44 50						186 45
							1 50	38 00
							78 27	78 27
		15 00					16 75	31 75
$177 52		$214 40					$196 52	$3288 23

CHURCHES AND CHARGES.	MINISTERS.	Theo. Sem. at Mercersburg.	Franklin and Marshall College.	Beneficiary Education.	Home Missions.	Foreign Mis. and Aintab Ch.
West Greenville,	H. F. Hartman,					
Meadville,	L. D. Leberman,					
Harmony,	F. W. Dechant,					
Fairview,	D. O. Shoemaker,					
Mercer,	Abner Dale,					
Decker Run,	Vacant,					
Titusville,						
Rochester,	Casper Scheel,					
Saegertown,	D. B. Ernst,					
Allegheny,	G. B. Russell,					
Sharon,						

STATISTICAL

CLASSIS.	Theological Seminary at Mercersburg.	Franklin and Marshall College.	Beneficiary Education.	Home Missions.	Foreign Mis. and Aintab Ch.	Church Extension.	[illegible]
East Pennsylvania,	$189 00	$2101 00	$881 49	$852 91	$115 75	$673 8[illegible]	[illegible]
Lebanon,	93 50	2000 00	42 20	595 96	43 55	3205 [illegible]	[illegible]
Zion,	870 15	1030 00	167 75	198 29	30 90	100 [illegible]	[illegible]
Maryland,	5398 70	5101 00	627 15	1587 95	664 38		
N. Carolina & Virginia,	No	Report.					
Philadelphia,	1230 26	5029 75	1751 50	2163 86	284 50	500 [illegible]	
Mercersburg,	1131 00	7727 00	822 32	977 01	52 00	500 [illegible]	
Tohickon,	607 50	3048 43	606 85	543 83	67 00		
New York,				129 20			
Lancaster,	1364 85	5190 00	296 50	807 91	600 75	55 [illegible]	[illegible]
East Susquehanna,	100 00	3000 00	145 00	310 63	25 00	1663 [illegible]	
West Susquehanna,	191 71	1500 00	278 36	148 35	63 65	177 [illegible]	
Marion,		32 00	311 61	128 51	43 55		
St. Paul's,						3 36 [illegible]	
West. Classis of N. York	25 06	25 00		69 10	59 00		
	$11,201 67	$36,084 18	$5930 73	$8513 57	$2052 85	$10,542 [illegible]	

ST. PAUL.

Church Extension.	Widows' Fund Society.	Orphans' Asylum or Home.	Heidelburg College.	Theo. Sem. at Tiffin, Ohio.	Theo. Lib. at Mercersburg.	Mission Churches.	Undesignat'd Funds.	Total.
$1000 00								$1000 00
792 00								792 00
37 80								37 80
240 25								240 25
921 93								921 93
9 20								9 20
88 50								88 50
247 02								247 02
$3336 70								$3336 70

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ASYLUM OF Home.	Heidelberg College.	Theo. Sem. at Tiffin, Ohio.	Theo. Lib. at Mercersburg.	Mission Churches.	S. School Literature.	Synodical Fund.	Undesignat'd Funds. *	Total.
0 46				$80 00			$294 05	$7465 78
9 28		$55 00	$1000 00	692 00	$170 00		1915 60	10,115 59
0 00							1630 55	4784 08
0 26	$600 00			100 00			1371 66	18,339 60
6 66	1000 00	2000 00	12 50				654 73	16,334 06
19 34		500 00	500 00	2310 34		$500 00	2152 46	17,505 45
48 46				376 96			548 63	5947 66
4 50				81 25			21 12	236 07
75 00	500 00	500 00	250 00	2837 50			167 23	12,874 77
75 94				49 75			1119 05	6532 37
14 40							196 52	3288 23
							606 23	1121 70
								3336 70
5 00				47 28			13 54	243 92
19 30	$2100 00	$3055 00	$1762 50	$6575 08	$170 00	$500 00	$10,691 37	$108,125 98

The amount of $10,691 37 to the Undesignated Fund will be reduced about one-half, as a ıber of the charges designated their contributions to other objects, increasing to that extent amounts noted down in the columns for Home Missions, Beneficiary Education, Church Ex- ion, &c., &c.

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it is impossible to make the course of theological study as thorough and complete as it should be. The Professors are obliged to give their attention too much to mere instruction, and are occupied with too many branches of learning at once for their own comfort or the profit of the students. It is, accordingly, desirable on all sides, and for reasons that readily suggest themselves to all who have adequate conceptions of what a Seminary ought to be, that another Professorship should be established.

This can be done, too, without difficulty, if in a proper way it is brought before the minds of our people. A considerable sum has already been raised and set apart for the purpose by the Convention at Reading. It was raised by voluntary contributions, and all that is necessary to complete the endowment is to put it before the minds of the people in a proper way, and the spirit of liberality, which commenced the work, will also carry it forward. The only question is, as to the best mode of doing this. It could be done by sending an agent into our congregations, to appeal personally to our wealthier members, and in this way interest them in our project. There are, however, objections to this method. One is, that it is expensive, and a portion of the funds contributed never reach their proper object, but is expended as a premium to the agent in securing the gift, which should have been perfectly free, and thus can scarcely be regarded as a charity to the Church. Another is, that in this way, our people are often led to give by over-persuasion and constraint, while all contributions to religious purposes should be spontaneous, and spring from a principle of sincere piety. The individual should give, not because it is his interest to give, but because his heart prompts him to give, and he could not withhold, without violating his conscience. The minds of our people should be stirred up and informed, but there should be no undue influences to induce them to the performance of their duties.

The other mode would be, to urge it upon the notice of our people in a more general way, by means of the pulpit and the press, and in the ordinary daily intercourse of the pastor with his members. This method would be attended with no expense, and otherwise would be free from objection. It would promote kind and good feeling on the part of all concerned, and would silently bring the combined influence and power of the whole Church to bear upon the enterprise. In this way the poor widow would gladly contribute her mite; those who are in better circumstances would give largely of their substance; and such as have been blessed with wealth would remember the Church in the bestowment of their thousands whilst they live, and, at their death, in the way of legacies, they would leave a monument of liberality behind them, that would hallow their memories, and call down blessings upon their posterity, to the latest generations. The contributions, in such cases, would not only be free, and the motive in making them sincere, but they would be forthcoming according to the measure of the understood wants of the Church. There would be no waste of means; they would be *raised as they were needed*, and would be judiciously applied

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an important bearing upon the well-being of both our Literary and Theological Institutions, and that is beginning to engage a good share of the attention of our people, and it is, "the Society of Guardians for the Relief of the Widows of Ministers" in the Church. Aside from the relief which this Society affords to the destitute, it asserts its claims to favor as a bond of union amongst its members. Deriving aid and comfort, in time of need, from a fund, to which they have contributed in common, they are naturally drawn to each other by feelings of sympathy and grateful affection, and feel bound, by a sense of obligation, to promote the interests and Institutions of a Church, which provides for the relief of her ministers and their families when they may stand in need of it. The same may be said of the Orphan Asylums, which are being established within our borders. They are well calculated to unite our people in the bonds of charity and love, awakening a spirit of liberality, that will show itself in the cordial support of the Institutions of the Church generally. In this way, regarding these associations in their mutual organic connection with and dependence upon each other, as the several parts of a great system of religious benevolence, they may be made to aid and strengthen each other, until all are placed upon sure and permanent foundations.

As to the Education and Missionary Societies of the Church, they may properly be left to depend, from year to year, upon the general spirit of liberality in the Church. This should be the case, also, with the support of the ministry. If there were ample endowments for the maintenance of religion in all these spheres of pious benevolence, there would be no room for the exercise of Christian charity, and it would die out and become extinct, and we would never know by happy experience, that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

This general course of proceeding, as it regards the Seminary and College, the Printing Establishment, and the Society of Guardians, &c., which require full and permanent endowments, and the Institution of the Ministry and its affiliated associations, which, it is thought, should be sustained by the liberality of the people, according to the measure of their wants, is farther recommended by the consideration, that, at this time, everything in the country is unsettled, and no one knows what a day or an hour may bring forth. We have seen one of our Establishments, the fruit of the labor of the third of a century, suddenly destroyed. Whether the Church itself, with its now prosperous Institutions, may not, before we are aware of it, be brought into desolation, no one can tell. Pursuing the course, however, that has been suggested, we can press our claims upon the benevolence of our people, as it may be expedient and proper to do so, and, seeking counsel and direction from on high, we may venture to hope that the blessing of God will accompany and crown our efforts with success.

Let a committee, of the character referred to, be appointed to take charge of the whole interest, and let the contributions received be recorded and regarded as appropriate fruits of the Tercentenary movement. *Respectfully* submitted.

BERNARD C. WOLFF, Chairman.

The committee appointed by the Convention at Reading, referred to in the fifth item of the report of the Committee on Tercentenary operations, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Convention which met in Reading on Trinity Sunday last, solemnly to close the Tercentenary Jubilee Year, was deeply persuaded that some measures should be taken to sustain and perpetuate the excellent spirit of Christian liberality, which the Tercentenary commemoration has so happily awakened in the Church. That Convention, therefore, appointed a committee to report to this Synod on this subject.

The Committee, after due deliberation, are of the opinion, that a plan should be inaugurated, which would afford opportunity to every member of the Church to make one free-will offering to one or another of the Permanent Endowment Funds of the Church once a year. This plan, that all may clearly understand it, should be as simple as it is possible to make it.

The committee, therefore, recommend the following:

1. That every member of the Church, adult and infant, be invited to make one free-will offering once a year, namely, on Trinity Sunday, for the purpose of permanent endowment.

2. That the pastors be directed, in their pastoral intercourse with their people during the year, and also especially from the pulpit by a suitable sermon or otherwise, and in the Sunday Schools at least four weeks before Trinity Sunday, to call the attention of the people to this subject, and, at the proper time, and in such way as they may regard most convenient and proper, to receive their gifts, and transmit them to the Treasurers of the respective Boards, or, if undesignated, to pay them into the hands of the Treasurer of Synod, who shall report them at its next meeting.

3. The Classes are directed, at every Annual Meeting, to make inquiry in regard to this point, and assure themselves that every pastor has attended to this matter in his charge.

5. It is also directed, that this annual free-will offering be a matter separate and apart from the usual contributions for current benevolent objects, being only for purposes of permanent endowments, and as a grateful remembrance in the Church of the great Memorial Year until it shall again make its centennial return.

Respectfully submitted.

H. HARBAUGH, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have the above report printed in the form of a circular, both in the German and English languages, one copy of which shall be transmitted to each pastor connected with Synod.

The sixth item in the report of the Committee on Tercentenary

operations, relating to the report of the Rev. Joshua H. Derr, was adopted. It was further

Resolved, That the Rev. Joshua H. Derr be requested to pay over to the proper Treasurers the funds still in his hands, and that he be referred to the Treasurer of Synod for the settlement of his salary.

ARTICLE XXII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the pastors and members of the two German Reformed congregations and other citizens of Lancaster, for the kind and hospitable entertainment given to its delegates during its annual sessions among them, and that we invoke the blessing of Heaven upon them.

Resolved, That the pastors be requested to read the above resolution to their people, and also to have it inserted in the papers of the place.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of Synod be requested to tender the thanks of this Synod to the Superintendents of the Reading and Columbia, Philadelphia and Reading, East Pennsylvania, Lehigh Valley, Cumberland Valley, Northern Central, and North Pennsylvania Railroads, for permitting its delegates to pass over their roads at reduced fare.

The roll was called, and none were found absent without permission.

The Minutes were read and adopted, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet in Lewisburg, Union county, Pa., on the third Wednesday in October, A. D., 1865, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod was dismissed with singing and prayer, and the Apostolic benediction by the President.

BENJAMIN BAUSMAN, *President.*

SAML. R. FISHER, *Stated Clerk.*

A true copy of the original Minutes.

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STATISTICAL REPORT.

CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirm'd.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Benev. Contribu's	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Joseph S. Dubbs,	5	Egypt, &c.,	1193	881	141	88		1010			60	10		$191 00	Ironton, Lehigh county, Penna.
John Zulich,	6	Jacobs, &c.,	1215	918	128	65		925			81	12			Steinsville, do do do
Wm. A. Heltrich,	8	Ziegel, &c.,	1563	1530	141	67		1106		2	60	9	765	718 25	Fogelsville, do do do
J. S. Hermann,	8	Kutztown, &c.	1500	1450	150	107		1350		9	54	14		119 37	Kutztown, Berks do do
Charles Becker,	6	Chestnut Hill,	550	425				400				6			Fennersville, Monroe county do
Cyrus J. Becker,	3	Catasauqua, &c.,	560	600	94	20	2	450		1	34	6		654 60	Catasauqua, Lehigh do do
Alfred J. Herman,	7	Zion, &c.,	960	1200	110	30		900			40	8		59 24	Maxatawny, Berks do do
Daniel F. Brendle,	5	Farmersville, &c.,	700	600	68	37	3	500			34	6		350 00	Bethlehem, Northampton Co., Pa.
Jesse K. Loos,	4	Mount Bethel,	581	447	52	16		470		1	16	8		494 00	Richmond, do do
John Beck,	1	Easton,	650	500	39	11	2	550			23	2	385	2875 00	Easton, do do
Levi K. Derr,	3	Tamaqua, &c.,	500	490	61	31		400	1		41	2	450	143 00	Tamaqua, Schuylkill do
Daniel Y. Heisler,	3	Bethlehem,	760	700	68	37	10	588		6	51	3		341 74	Bethlehem, Northampton do
Ernest W. Reinecke,	3	Plainfield,	762	592	68			685			42	3		143 25	Nazareth, do do
John Gantenbein,	6	Kreidersville,	1260	1200				985				6		457 11	Kreidersville, do do
Wm. R. Hofford,	2	Lower Saucon,	400	380	24	49		380			28	2		89 30	Allentown, Lehigh do
George B. Dechant,	3	Hamilton,	250	200	27	5	1	120	2		11	4		40 00	Fennersville, Monroe do
Abr. Bartholomew,	1	St. Paul,	80	50	26			57			4	1			Newharts, Northampton do
J. F. Jahnke,															
N. S. Strassburger,	1	Allentown,	886	458	51	39	1	374		2	52	1	430	804 19	Allentown, Lehigh do
Robert Lisberger,		Assist. to Gantenbein,													Kriedersville, Northampton do
Paul Wald,		Chaplain,													Natchez, Miss.
John Sales,	1	South Easton,	60		16	12		51			3				Easton, Northampton do
Edward J. Fogel,		Assist. to Heltrich,													Foglesville, Lehigh do
George W. Gessner,	2	Wilkesbarre, &c.,	250	100				200							Wilkesbarre, Luzerne do
	1	Old William Township	111	77	7			100			8	1		19 86	

CLASSIS OF LEBANON.

MINISTERS.	Cong.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unc. Mem.	Communi.	Baptized.	Confirma.	Certificat's.	Dismissed	Excommu.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch.	Benevolent Contribu.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Philip Mayer,		Without charge,													Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
John Gring,	4	Fredericksburg, &c.,	327	282	285	44	26				32	4			Fredericksburg, Lebanon do.
Augustus L. Herman,	9	Hamburg, &c.,	1500		1306	271	123				70	15	1200	$10 00	Reading, Berks do.
Franklin W. Kremer,	2	Lebanon charge,	900	760	600	63	59	18	6		42	2			Lebanon, Lebanon do.
Henry Wagner,	5	Orwigsburg charge,	366		296	34	21				23	4		73 15	Orwigsburg, Schuylkill do.
Aaron S. Leinbach,	1	Schwarzwald,	500	385	475	115	67				22	3			Reading, Berks do.
Jacob Klein,	4	Minersville, &c.,	1100	500	650	130	14				56	13	500	66 50	Sch. Haven, Schuylkill do.
Jonathan E. Hiester,	5	Palmyra charge,	466	304	321	34	30				23	5	134	62 00	Annville, Lebanon do.
Charles F. McCauley,	1	Second Ch., Reading,	200		190							1			Reading, Berks do.
George Wolff,	1	Meyerstown,	374	282	260	50	18	17	6		24	1	190	475 00	Meyerstown, Lebanon do.
Thomas C. Leinbach,	6	Bernville, &c.,	900	700	675	110	85				55	8	500		Womelsdorf, Berks do.
David W. Wolff,	1	Schuylkill Haven,	100	142	71	12	2					1	115	148 38	Meyerstown, Lebanon do.
Uriah H. Heilman,	2	Jonestown, &c.,	235	180	235							2			Jonestown, do do.
Benjamin Bausman,	1	First Ch., Reading,	1000		850	33	72	17	6		28	2	600	1738 42	Reading, Berks do.
T. S. Johnston, D. D.	1	St. John's Ch., Lebanon	110	89	101							1			Lebanon, Lebanon do.
Charles H. Leinbach,	5	Tulpehocken charge,	1469		950							3			Womelsdorf, Berks do.
John P. Stein,	2	Tremont, &c..	43		32	5						2	35		Sch. Haven, Schuylkill do.
H. Harbaugh, D. D.,		Prof. in Theo. Sem.													Mercersburg, Franklin do.
William A. Good,		Without charge,													Reading, Berks do.
Samuel Miller,		Do. do,													Pottsville, Schuylkill do.
Herman Bokum,		Chap. in a M. Hospital,													Philadelphia, do.
Eli E. Hieater, Licen.,		Without charge,													Strausstown, Berks, do.
	3	Host charge,*	735	700	540	90	48				31	9	400	67 00	
	2	Womelsd'f & Mt Ætna,†	280	230	210			15	6			2	150	100 00	
Vacant,	3	Pottsville, &c.,	343		336	25	20				15	3			
	1	Emanuels Ch. Hamb,‡	66	59	40	10	4				3	1	75	15 20	
	1	Shell's Church,**	60	50	40	3					2	1	30		

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CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirma.	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'rs.	Benev. Contribu's	P
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asauqua, &c.,	500	600	94	20	2	450		1	34	6		654 60	
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CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

MINISTERS.	Cong.	CHARGES.	Members.	Un. Mem.	Baptisms.	Confirma.	Certificat's.	Communi.	Dismiss'd.	Excommu.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S.S. Pupils.	Benevolent Contribu.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Edmund R. Eschbach,	1	1st Church, Baltimore,	220	202	17	20	1	160	6		17	2	160	$225 00	Baltimore, Maryland.
Vacant,	1	2d do do,													Do, do.
John S. Foulk,	1	3d do do,	227	193	25	10	8	190	4		11	1	200		Do, do.
John Kuelling,	1	4th do do,	530	300	109	25	45	450	12		49	1	140	200 00	Do, do.
D, Zacharias, D. D.,	1	Frederick City,			60	15	5	460	2		64	2	450		Frederick City, do.
Frederick A. Rupley,	1	Middletown,	370	340	46	3	4	350	12	1	22	4	250	147 00	Middletown, do.
Wm. F. Colliflower,	3	Jefferson charge,	312	287	30	15	2	297			16	3	150		Jefferson, Frederick county, Md.
Joseph W. Santee,	4	Cavetown do,	381	287	29	18	3	374	5		13	3			Cavetown, Washington do.
John G. Fritchey,	5	Taneytown do,	491	436	39	1		350	6			5	170		Taneytown, Carroll do.
John H. Wagner,	2	Hagerstown do,	290	220	21	4	1	260	3		18	2	200	83 00	Pittsburg, Pennsylvania,
Mortimer L. Shuford,	3	Mt. Moriah do,	122	91	9	2		113	1		7	2	150		Boonsboro', Washington county, Md.
John W. Hoffmeier,	6	Manchester do,	500	190		23		450			31	3			Manchester, Carroll do.
Jesse Steiner,	4	Glade do,	375	255	13	16		340	2		7	2	270		Walkersville, Frederick do.
John M. Titzel,	2	Emmittsburg do,	336	256	16	14	9	302	5		7	2	40		Emmittsburg, do do.
Moses A. Stewart,	1	Burkittsville do,	73	43	12	2		70			3	1	45		Burkittsville, do do.
Henry Wissler,	1	Shepherdst'n do,													Shepherdstown, Virginia.
Henry I. Comfort,	4	Mechanicst'n do,	254	207	18	9	7	222	2		11	2	127		Mechanicstown, Fred'k county, Md.
	2	Boonsboro do,*	137	32	7		1	99			10	1	50		Boonsboro', Washington do.
Vacant,	2	Clearspring do,†	150	100				125							Clearspring, do do.
Benj. Schneider, D. D.		Foreign Missionary,													Aintab, Syria.
Marcus Bachman,	1	5th Church, Baltimore,	223	161											Baltimore, Maryland.
Vacant,	1	2d Ch., Hagerstown,	144												Hagerstown, do.
	1	St. John's Ch., Frede'k,													Frederick City, do.
Robert Douglas,		Without charge,													Shepherdstown, Virginia.
Wm. H. Zimmerman,		do do,													Frederick City, Maryland.
George L. Staley,		do do,													Petersville, Frederick county, Md.
J. B. Poerner,		Chap. U. S. Ch. Com.,													Baltimore.
Peter A. Schwartz,															Greenfield, Mass.
Joseph S. Loose,		Without charge,													Williamsport, Washington Co., Md.
H. Getzendanner.		Licentiate,													Frederick City, Maryland.

* Supplied by Rev. M. L. Shuford. † Supplied by Rev. J. Sechler. Rev. W. Ida, suspended.

CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd	Baptisms.	Confirm'd	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
John C. Hensel,	5	Rockingham,	257					200				4	Mount Crawford, Virginia.
Daniel Feete,	3	Woodstock,	190					190				5	Philadelphia, Pa.
Daniel G. Bragonier,	2	Martinsburg,	137					137				1	Edensburg, do
George H. Martin,	1	Loudon,	110					110				1	Lovettsville, do
Henry St. John Rinker	4	Mill Creek,	255					255				3	Hamburg, do
John H. Crawford,	3	Middlebrook,	158					158				1	Middlebrook, do
	2	Central,	43					43				1	
	2	Shepherdstown and Winchester,	145					135				2	
	1	Martinsburg, (German,)	112					112				1	
Vacant,	1	Pendleton,											
do	1	Central,											

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirm.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
George Boger,		No charge,											Klutt's Tanyard, N. C.
John Lantz,	3	Newton,	157					157					Newton, do
	2	Lincolnton,	154					154					
G. Wm. Welker,	3	Guilford,	305					305					Brick Church, do
Jeremiah Ingold,	3	Catawba,	99					99					Lincolnton, do
Thornton Butler,	3	East Rowan,	280					280					Gold Hill, do
	5	West Rowan,	262					262					Eufaula, do
P. Allison Long,	8	Davidson,	312					312					Midway, do

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Edmund R. Eschbach,	1	1st Church, Baltimore,	220	202	17	20	1	160	6		17	2	160	$225 00	Baltimore, Maryland.
Vacant,	1	2d do do,													Do, do.
John S. Foulk,	1	3d do do,	227	193	25	10	8	190	4		11	1	200		Do, do.
John Kuelling,	1	4th do do,	530	300	109	25	45	450	12		49	1	140	200 00	Do, do.
D, Zacharias, D. D.,	1	Frederick City,			60	15	5	460	2		64	2	450		Frederick City, do.
Frederick A. Rupley,	1	Middletown,	370	340	46	3	4	350	12	1	22	4	250	147 00	Middletown, do.
Wm. F. Colliflower,	3	Jefferson charge,	312	287	30	15	2	297			16	3	150		Jefferson, Frederick county, Md.
Joseph W. Santee,	4	Cavetown do,	381	287	29	18	3	374	5		13	3			Cavetown, Washington do.
John G. Fritchey,	5	Taneytown do,	491	436	39	1		350	6			5	170		Taneytown, Carroll do.
John H. Wagner,	2	Hagerstown do,	290	220	21	4	1	260	3		18	2	200	83 00	Pittsburg, Pennsylvania,
Mortimer L. Shuford,	3	Mt. Moriah do,	122	91	9	2		113	1		7	2	150		Boonsboro', Washington county, Md.
John W. Hoffmeier,	6	Manchester do,	500	190		23		450			31	3			Manchester, Carroll do.
Jesse Steiner,	4	Glade do,	375	255	13	16		340	2		7	2	270		Walkersville, Frederick do.
John M. Titzel,	2	Emmittsburg do,	336	256	16	14	9	302	5		7	2	40		Emmittsburg, do do.
Moses A. Stewart,	1	Burkittsville do,	73	43	12	2		70			3	1	45		Burkittsville, do do.
Henry Wissler,	1	Shepherdst'n do,													Shepherdstown, Virginia.
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Robert Douglas,		Without charge,													Shepherdstown, Virginia.
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George L. Staley,		do do,													Petersville, Frederick county, Md.
J. B. Poerner,		Chap. U. S. Ch. Com.,													Baltimore.
Peter A. Schwartz,															Greenfield, Mass.
Joseph S. Loose,		Without charge,													Williamsport, Washington Co., Md.
H. Getzendanner.		Licentiate,													Frederick City, Maryland.

* Supplied by Rev. M. L. Shuford. † Supplied by Rev. J. Sechler. Rev. W. Ida, suspended.

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirm's.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Philip Schaff, D. D.,		Prof. in Theo. Seminary,												$1250 00	No. 5 Bible House, New York.
E. E. Higbee,		do do do													Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Samuel R. Fisher, D. D.,		Ed. Ger. Ref. Messenger,													Philadelphia, do
Benj. S. Schneck, D. D.,	1	2d Church, Chambersb'g	73	106	5		4	73			3				Chambersburg, do
John Rebaugh,	1	Middleburg charge,	74	125	8			74						108 04	Greencastle, Franklin do
Theobald Fouse,	5	Woodcock Valley charge	519	695	46	24	8	500	7		22	3		1144 15	James Creek, Huntingdon do
Henry Heckerman,	3	Bedford do	277	326	33	21	4	277	3		13	3	100	1515 93	Bedford, Bedford do
Jacob Hassler,	1	Shippensburg do	180	134	8	2	9	169	2		4	1	90	324 00	Shippensburg, Cumberland do
Wm. M. Deatrick,	3	Friend's Cove do	325	275	36	14	5	315	5		9	3	150	1525 59	Charlesville, Bedford do
Samuel H. Reid,	3	Huntingdon, do	225	245	13	2	5	225			1	3	175	93 00	Huntingdon, Huntingdon do
Nicholas E. Gilds,	5	St. Clairsville do	475	406	45	20		409	10		17	2	150	284 59	St. Clairsville, Bedford do
Charles F. Hoffmeier,	3	McConnellsburg do	136	120	27	6		125				3	175	71 66	Rebersburg, Centre do
Isaac G. Brown,	2	Mercersburg do	218	224	12	13	5	210	7		5	2	80	251 97	Mercersburg, Franklin do
Thomas G. Apple,	2	Greencastle do	345	325	25	10		295	5		21	2	100	1692 56	Greencastle, do do
Walter E. Krebs,	3	Waynesboro' do	308	206	35	41	2	251	12		19	2	120	2100 00	Waynesboro, do do
John W. Love,	3	Waterstreet do	275	259	30	15	5	266	5		8	2	150	1760 61	Alexandria, Huntingdon do
Abner R. Kremer,	3	Yellow Creek do	186	253	23	8	10	169		1	7	2	100	1108 55	Pattonville, Bedford do
Richard P. Thomas,	2	Loudon & St. Tho's do	283	218	17		9	258	7		9	2	50	100 00	Springfield, Ohio.
Nehemiah H. Skyles,	3	Schellsburg do	356	269	29	52	2	250	2		20	2		55 21	Schellsburg, Bedford do
A. Carl Whitmer,	3	Martinsburg do	178	174	16	3	11	160	3		1	1	40	700 00	Martinsburg, Blair do
Elijah B. Wilson,	4	Strasburg do	127	217	27	1		107	5		2	2		32 95	U. Strasburg, Franklin do
Cyrus Cort,	1	Altoona do	60	57	24	14	20	56			3			763 00	Altoona, Blair do
P. Seibert Davis,	1	Chambersburg do	330		13			275	11		11	1	206	1876 10	Chambersburg, do do
	4	Grindstone Hill do	280	284	21	13	1	250			4	4		25 00	

Without Charge.—Frederick A. Scholl, *superannuated*, Greencastle, Pa.; George R. Zacharias, U. Strasburg, Pa.; C. B. Wolff, licentiate, Chestertown, Md.; J. B. Kerschner, licentiate, Germany, Europe; W. D. C. Rodrock, Chaplain U. S. Army. *Candidates for the Ministry.*—Charles G. Fisher, Simon S. Miller, Charles Knepper.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

MINISTERS.	Congregn.	CHARGES.	Members.	Un. Mem.	Baptisms.	Confirma.	Certificat's.	Communi.	Dismissed	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schol.	Benevolent Contribu.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
S. Helffenstein, D. D.,		Superannuated,						*					$1000 00	Gwynedd, Montgomery Co., Pa.
J. H. A. Bomberger, "	1	Race Street,	326	177	19	8	9	307	7	10	3	750	16329 76	No. 439 N. 4th St., Phila., do.
Nicholas Gehr,	1	Zion's,	726	424	172	45	48	652	13	71	1	320	372 00	No. 1230 N. 6th St., do, do.
Johann G. Wiehle,	1	Salem's,	1221	272	435	79	132	780	4	168	3	510	323 20	No. 530 St. John St., do, do.
S. G. Wagner,	1	Bœhm's,	215	81	11	6		180	3	7	1	110	1530 71	Blue Bell, Montgomery county, Pa.
Jesse B. Knipe,	3	Pikeland,	161	90		3		130			3	120	672 65	Chester Springs, Chester do.
Alfred B. Shenkle,	3	Trappe,	550	72	7	10	2	339		17	3	215	155 00	Trappe, Montgomery do.
Wm. Sorber,	3	Brownback's,	300	45	8	10	4	280		4	5		206 25	Vincent, Chester do.
N. S. Aller,	1	Pleasantville,	147	30	7	10	2	147	2		1		69 10	Pleasantville, Bucks do.
Wm. G. Hackman,	1	Wentz's,	214	71	6	5	3	175	1	4	1	120	167 85	Kulpsville, Montgomery do.
S. H. Giesy,	1	Christ Church,	113	65	4	7	19	100	1	2	1	182	746 50	No. 2040 Wallace St., Philada., Pa.
John G. Neuber,	1	Bethlehem's,	333	216	88	31	53	326	5	51	2	366	2311 39	No. 1304 Howard St., do, do.
Jacob Dahlman, Jr.,	1	Emanuel's,	103	117	14	10	14	85		1	1	115	2047 00	37th St., abv. Haverford, W. Phila.
Abraham Romich,	1	St. Stephen's,	60								1	100		No. 2023 Girard Ave. do, do.
Jacob Dahlman, Sr.,	1	Glassboro',	47	52	15		4	35	20		1	46	28 66	Glassboro', New Jersey.
A. von Puechelstein'*	1	Egg Harbor City,	75					60			1	80		Egg Harbor City, New Jersey.
Daniel Gans,	1	Church of the Ascen.,	121	49	17	8		110	2	9	1	135	50 00	Norristown, Pennsylvania.
J. B. Knipe, supply,	1	St. Vincent,	120	24				115			1	40	39 70	
S. G. Wagner, do,	1	Whitemarsh,	112	45	4	2	2	95		4	1	60	207 50	
A. B. Shenkle, do,	1	Phœnixville,	78	16	2	2		62			1	200	12 03	
J. G. Neuber, do,	1	Bridesburg,	77	74	15		2	77		7	1	126	12 17	
Vacant,*	1	St. Peter's,	60					60		1	1			
Emanuel Boehringer,		Orph. Asy., Bridesburg	6	56										Letter Box 282, Philadelphia, Pa.
S. Helffenstein, Jr.,		Without charge,												Blue Bell, Montgomery, county, Pa.
John S. Ermentrout,		Do do,												Reading, do.
Charles Lukens,		Do do,												Frankford, do.
E. M. Long,		Do do,												Norristown, do.
George D. Wolff,		Do do,												Do, do.
Charles W. Schultz,		Do do,												Camden, New Jersey.
Henry Miller,		Do do,												Schuylkill Post Office, Penna.
J. R. Pfister,		Do do,												New York.
J. Conrad Hauser,		Licentiate,												No. 2208 Shippen St., Philada., Pa.

*Those marked with a star, sent no statistical report. The numbers given are those of two years ago.

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirm's.	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST
of. in Theo. Seminary,												$1250 00	No. 5 Bibl
lo do do													Mercersbur
Ger. Ref. Messenger,													Philadelphi
Church, Chambersb'g	73	106	5		4	73			3				Chambersbu
dleburg charge,	74	125	8			74							
dcock Valley charge	519	695	46	24	8	500	7		22	3		108 04	Greencastle,
ford do	277	326	33	21	4	277	3		12	[illegible]		1144 15	[illegible]
pensburg do	180	134	8	[illegible]	[illegible]								
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CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

MINISTERS.	Congregs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Un. Mem.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificat's.	Communi.	Excommu.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schol.	Benevolent Contribu.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Daniel Zeller,		Superannuated.													Allentown, Lehigh county, Penna.
John S. Kessler, D.D.,	3	Upper Milford, &c.,	175		18	5		175			6	1			Do do do do
Daniel Weiser,		No charge,													Pennsburg, Montgomery county, Pa.
Peter S. Fisher,	5	Tohickon, &c.,	1150					1000						$314 24	Sellersville, Bucks do
Clement Z. Weiser,	2	N. Goshenhoppen, &c.,	892	564	31	88	3	800		3	37	2	300	100 00	Pennsburg, Montgomery do
Samuel Hess,	5	St. Paul's, &c.,	902	522	102	76		900			52			217 40	Hellertown, Northampton do
Lewis C. Herman,		No charge,													New Hanover, Montgomery do
William R. Yearick,	2	Hilltown & Doylest'n,	294	179	32	11	10	270		10	7	2	100	346 96	Doylestown, Bucks do
Geo W. Aughinbaugh,	2	Riegelsville, &c.,	160	100	24	4	10	150			6	2		3020 05	Tiffin, Ohio.
J. Henry Dubbs,	4	Pottstown,	983	725	106	79	4	710	1		64	7	610	170 00	Pottstown, Montgomery county, Pa.
August L. Dechant,	5	Old Goshenhoppen,	600	650	46	15		500			56	7			Frederick, do do do
Andrew J. G. Dubbs,	5	Saucon charge,	900	800	147	67		900			73	7			Allentown, Lehigh do
David Rothrock,	4	Durham charge,	800	583	60	10		545		2	39	8	230	175 56	Bucksville, Bucks do
Robert A. Van Court,	4	Swamp, &c.,	696			23		623			66	4		149 75	New Hanover, Montgomery do
P. P. H. Hoffman,	5	Freidensburg,	450		29	1		325			28	4		27 04	Oley, Berks do
William G. Engle,		No charge,													Shannondale, Clarion do
Lucian Cort,		No report,													Quakertown, Bucks do
S. M. K. Huber,	2	Keely's & Jerusalem,*													Limerick, Montgomery do
William M. Landis,		Licentiate,													Centre Valley, Lehigh do
W. G. Hackman, sup.,	1	Towamencin,	65		4	9		42			3	1		46 00	Kulpsville, Montgomery do
Daniel F. Brendle, "	1	Williams Township,	129		25			90			6	1			

* No Report.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirms's.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Benev. Contribut's	P
1	New York,	225	255	127	19	9	242			4	1	160	$180 00	Ne
1	Boston,	118		21		2	118		14	4		113	100 50	Bos
2	Elizabeth and Rahway,	133	83	46	15		138		16	4	2	120	31 00	Ral
1	Waterbury,													
	Bridgeport,	68		22	4	12	60	2		3	1			
	New Brunswick,	101	105				117							
	Newark,													Gar

CLASSIS OF LANCASTER,

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirma'n.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS,
Albert Helffenstein, Sen.,		Superannuated,												Shamokin, Pa.
Isaac Gerhart,		Missionary,			3			8						Lancaster City, Pa.
Albert Helffenstein, Jr.,		Without charge,												Maytown, Lancaster county, Pa.
Daniel Hertz,	5	Ephrata,	300	160	15	26		260			11	3	$16 27	Ephrata, do do
Vacant,	1	2d Reformed Church,	180					175						Lancaster City, do do
William T. Gerhard,	6	Supply,	374	215	25	5		245		3	21	5	22 20	do do do
John Naille,	3	Elizabethtown,	175	108	10		1	115			7	2	11 00	Elizabethtown, do do
John W. Nevin, D. D.,		Prof. in F. and M. Col.,												Lancaster City, do do
John G. Wolff,	1	Maytown,	33		4			28				1		do do do
Amos H. Kremer,	1	1st Reformed Church,	375	440	27	15	13	350		6	21	1	3 25	do do do
Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D.		Pres. of F. and M. College,												do do do
Theodore Appel,		Prof. in F. and M. Col.,												do do do
Thomas C. Porter,		do do do												do do do
Vacant,	1	Salem Church,	220	166	24	7	10	150		3	4	2		Harrisburg, Dauphin do
Isaac E. Græff,	3	Millersville,	190	119	12	8	1	156			7	2	6 41	Lancaster City, Lancaster do
Martin A. Smith,	5	Hummelstown,	325	250	28	20		220		4		5		Hummelstown, Dauphin do
John V. Eckert,	3	New Providence,	224		9	2		203			8	4	31 00	New Providence, Lancaster do
Frederick A. Gast,	1	New Holland,	100		3		2	68		3	3	1	3 45	New Holland, do do
George Kurtzman,	1	Middletown,	61		29	4	4	52			7	1		Harrisburg, Dauphin do
Frederick Fox,	1	2d Reformed Church,	36	39	1			36			1	1		do do do
	1	Columbia congregation,*	41					20						Columbia, do do

*Supplied by Rev. Prof. Appel and John G. Wolff.

CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

CHARGES.	Members.	Bap. Mem.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi.	Dissmissed	Excommu.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Scholars.	Benevolent Contribu.	PO
nion,	257	234	79	12		161			10	4		$16 50	Black Cr
shland,	290	210				290							Ashland,
loomsburg,	450	400	29	22	4	400	6		23	5	300	210 00	Orangevi
rmstrong Valley,	425	450				425							
ilton,	160	125	20	3	9	160	5		3	1		35 00	Fishervil
ahony,	530	400	72	28		[illegible]						634 51	Milton, N

CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

MINISTERS.	Congrega.	CHARGES.	Members.	Bap. Mem.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi.	Dismissed.	Excommu.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schol.	Benevolent Contribu.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Jonathan Zeller,															Lock Haven, Clinton county, Penna.
Daniel S. Tobias,	5	Rebersburg,	293	211	31	34		197			11	14			Rebersburg, Centre do do
Adolph B. Caspar,	3	Middle Creek,	110		16	8		80			16	3			New Berlin, Union do do
Henry Wiegandt,	7	Nippanose,	424					*407							Slifer, Lycoming do do
Franklin J. Mohr,	5	Williamsport,	240	150	53	32	8	210	12		37	1	85	$1088 75	Williamsport, Lycom'g do do
David G. Klein,		Without charge,													Bellefonte, Centre do do
J. Caspar Bucher,		Do do,													Pottsville, Union do do
William H. Groh,	5	Boalsburg,	351	385		6	6	306	1		13	7		1704 22	Boalsburg, Centre do do
William M. Reily,	2	Lewisburg,	400	250	38	10	16	360	12		21	2	200		Lewisburg, Union do do
Henry C. Heyser,	6	Liverpool,	295		23	1		205			10	6		17 41	Richfield, Juniata do do
Israel S. Weisz,	4	Mifflinburg,	503	419	40	7	5	426	15		38	6	300	200 00	Mifflinburg, Union do do
John K. Millet,	4	Nittany,	216	221	23	4	10	207		1	7	4	165	75 00	Walker, Centre do do
Lewis C. Edmonds,	6	Adamsburg,	365	308	90	50		365			74			25 70	Adamsburg, Snyder do do
A. R. Hottenstein,	5	Selinsgrove,	386	236	26	22		320	2		15	6		37 76	Selinsgrove, do do do
Samuel Kuhn,	5	Aaronsburg,	396	265	25	50	7	234	1		9	2	80	443 66	Aaronsburg, Centre do do
Edward S. Sheip,	5	Bellefonte,	220	206				147							Bellefonte, do do do
Jacob Mayer,															Lock Haven, Clinton do do
Vacant Congrega.,	1	Union,	100		12	7		100			6	1			
	1	Middleburg,	20					20							
	1	St. Peter's,													
	2	Liberty Valley,													

* Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF CLARION.

CHARGES.	Members.	nconfir'd.	aptisms.	nfirms's.	Deaths.	rtificate.	mmuni- cants.	missed.	xcom.	chools.	School olars.	nev. tribu's.	POST O

CLASSIS OF ST. PAUL.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirma'ns.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Benev. Contribu's	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
David B. Ernst,	4	Sagertown,	263					249							Sagertown, Crawford Co., Pa.
Henry F. Hartmann,	4	West Greenville,	460	295	45	67	16	435		3	20	4	300	$1000 00	West Greenville, Mercer Co., Pa.
Lewis B. Leberman,	2	Meadville,	324	212	74	12		324			10	2	130	792 50	Meadville, Crawford do
Frederick W. Dechant,	3	Harmony,	255	167	30	1	2	240			4	3		37 80	Harmony, Butler do
David O. Shoemaker,	2	Fairview,	305	303	40	1	1	280			10	2	100	240 20	Adams, Armstrong do
Lucian J. Mayer,	3	Sharon,	286	237	25			250			9	1	150	247 12	Sharon, Mercer do
Abner Dale,	2	Mercer,	116	96	17	4	1	95			6	1	40	921 93	London, Mercer do
	1	Rochester,	30		3	5		30				1			
George B. Russell,	1	Allegheny City,	32					32							Allegheny City, do
John Kretzing,	3	Decker Run,	129	109	6	5		95			4			9 20	Cochrantown, Crawford do
C. A. Limberg,	2	Butler.													Butler, Pa.
David D. Leberman,	1	Titusville,	55	56	5			55			2			54 75	Titusville, do do
John Kretzing, (supply)	1	Hartztown,	26	11				17				1	80		
Samuel N. Callender,		Without charge,													Meadville, do do
Philip Zeiser,		do													New Hamburg, do do
Benjamin Boyer,		Superannuated,													West Greenville, do do

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconf'd Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunicated.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	S. School Scholars
24	79	14,713	12,798	1,281	612	19	11,601	3	21	642	104	2,0
22	60	11,074	4,678	1,029	589	67	8,463		24	49[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
24	71	7,589	4,868	532	238	78	[illegible]					

SYNOD

Of the German Reformed Church of Ohio and adjacent States.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION FOR 1864.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN IN CHRIST:—In the providence of our faithful heavenly Father, it has been our privilege once more to assemble as a Synod, in brotherly love and unity; and by the conscientious performance of important business, to prove ourselves obedient and faithful servants of Jesus Christ in the Reformed Church. If in the past happy years of peace, we always felt our dependence upon the Giver of all good and perfect gifts, and found innumerable causes for praise and thanksgiving, how much more now, since he has hitherto conducted us safely in this fearful time of war, and has so visibly blessed us with his grace and truth! "O, give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endureth forever!"

All the reports of the different Classes, on the state of religion, are full of the Lord's praise for the manifestations of his grace in their respective bounds. Contrary to all expectation, some of them experienced a large increase of ministers and members; others rejoiced in the establishment of new congregations, in the improvement of their old, and in the successful erection of new houses of worship, and still others expressed their sincere thanks for the deliverance from threatening disturbances and divisions in their congregations, which, especially during the last year, were plotted by ungodly political partizans. And we rejoice this day, with all our ministerial brethren, elders and members, thanking God for the wonderful preservation of peace, and for the manifold blessings of his merciful hand. Men designed evil against us, but the Lord has been our deliverance. To our Reformed Zion in this country, it was certainly not by chance or accident, that the birth-day of the Heidelberg Catechism returned just in the midst of this terrible war; and happy was the thought of celebrating, not only the day, but the entire year, for the joyful commemoration of this blessed event, and the benevolent support of our institutions. The salutary influence of this celebration, for the most of our congregations, is gratefully acknowledged in nearly all the classical reports. The many profound sermons and lectures on this most excellent symbol of our Church, have inspired all those members, to whom the kingdom of God is precious, with a deeper knowledge, warmer love and Christian activity. The practical results of this celebration shows itself in the double and three-fold contributions, which were set apart and contributed for the different benevolent objects—as the Seminary, College, Missions, Beneficiary Education, Orphans, etc. In this respect, it was perhaps the most prosperous year which our Church has hitherto experienced, and we have reason to expect, that the awakened spirit of benevolence—this noble fruit of Christian faith, will not only *continue to exist, but also* develop to the full power and activity of our *Reformed Zion.* For this hope, let the word of the Lord be our pledge.

The attendance on public worship, the participation in the celebration of the Lord's supper, Christian instruction in the Sabbath-school and the catechetical class, are represented as very satisfactory in most of the Classes. Some, however, complain also bitterly of the destructive influence of the ruling political party spirit, and express the fear that many a precious soul may thereby be led astray, and many a congregation become entirely divided. This would be sad, indeed! May the Lord, in mercy, prevent this! O, that all our ministers, elders, and members would stand aloof from all selfish, deceitful politicians, whose object it is to scatter the seed of discord in our midst. One is our Master, Christ; and from his love, neither the present nor the future; neither height nor depth; neither war nor peace, nor any other creature dare separate us.

With the brethren of St. Joseph Classis, we lament the early death of the beloved and faithful Brother Schultz, who was suddenly called away in the midst of his prosperous and hopeful labors; and with them, we thank God for the peaceful end of that aged servant in Christ, father Thomas Winters, who, as a pioneer and founder of our Church in the West, has rendered himself so honorable. By his long and active life in the vineyard of the Lord, he had become prepared for the rest in heaven. With the brethren of Westmoreland Classis, we all lament the early departure of the young Rev. J. H. Johnston, who, by his admirable talents, by his zeal in the work of the Lord, and by his Christian prudence, had gained for himself the respect and love of all who knew him. And with the brethren of Lancaster Classis, we deeply lament the unexpected death of our amiable and much beloved brother, Adam C. Kendig, who labored among us with much success during the past, and from whom we had expected still more for the future. They have gone home—these four brethren—to reap eternally the rich reward of their labors in faith! They have followed one another quickly, in the short space of one year. We are this day still here, and with the help of God, enter upon the course of another synodical year. But will we all reach the end of the same? The times are serious now, and may become still more so in the future. As our fathers have been so often, and so severely persecuted, so persecutions may also soon ariss against us, their children. Shall we, in that case, be found as firm and sound in faith and doctrine, in confession and practice? Our Lord and Master, grant us His grace to that end!

As we have assembled in peace, and have now transacted our business harmoniously, so we will separate in peace and fraternal unity, and prosecute the work of the Lord entrusted to our hands, with Christian courage. And whilst we are building up our congregations, let us not forget the necessary support, for the firmer establishment of our literary and theological institutions. The College, Seminary and Mission Institute, from which our future ministers must be expected, stand in need of our prayers and practical aid, and whilst this is being done, let us not overlook the necessity of the most zealous prosecution of the holy work of Missions—domestic, as well as foreign—in order

'ord's kingdom may come, and his will be done, on earth a
in heaven.

H. RUST, Chairman.

MINISTERS.	No. of Char.	CHARGES.	Unconfirm. Members	Members.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Received by Confirmation.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	Sab. School.	General Benevolence.	Minutes, Ex.	Minutes, Gr.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
David Winters,	4	Mt. Zion Charge,	266	380	360	52	26	8	2		4	4	$506 00	60		Dayton, O.
T. H. Winters,	1	Cæsar Creek, "	50	80	75					13	3	1	70 00	10		Xenia, O.
P. C. Prugh,	1	Xenia, "	94	121	104	10		4	1	4	2	1	*346 65	30		Xenia, O.
I. H. Reiter,	3	Miamisburg "	295	344	300	37	32	11	4		8	3	*825 00	30	8	Miamisburg. O.
G. W. Williard,	3	Bethel "	90	165	155	15	6	4			6	3	175 00	35		Dayton, O.
J. Lichtenstein,	1	1st G. R. cong., Cincinnati,	270	426	426	101	15	24	2	3	22	1	*706 38		10	Cincinnati, O.
S. Mease,	1	2d " " "	41	34	34	4	2	4	1		1	1	75 00	12		"
C. Saure,	1	3d " " "	306	471	471	143	28	76			75	1	573 80		10	"
T. P. Bucher,	1	1st " " Dayton,	100	130	125	4		4	1	5	2	1	49 25	10		Dayton, O.
W. Wittenwieler,	1	2d " " " (Ger.)	150	217	217	32	16	96			6	1	140 00		10	"
H. M. Herman,	3	West Alexendria Charge,	124	248	240	32	12	3	2	1	9	3	*1659 10	30		West Alexandria, O.
G. Z. Mechling,	3	Seven Mile "	176	150	131	11	28	5	2	8	3	2	155 64	10	10	Seven Mile, Butler County, O.
J. Richards,	5	Union "	110	365	300	101	123	10	2		22	4	151 30	20		North Hampton, O.
J. Schlosser,	2	Fairfield,	90	252	200	5	5		2	16	4	2	77 00	40		Fairfield, O.
A. Wanner,	2	Bear and Elk Creek "	66	113	60	16	3				12			6		Germantown, O.
T. H. Winters (supply)	3	New Madison "	101	149	149	8	4		3		2	3	24 00			
J. Scott,	3	St. Paris, "	48	116	85	12	16	2	2	30	4	2	335 00	12		St. Paris, O.
J. A. Leis,	4	St. John's "	218	232	162	42		18	10	3	20	2	365 00		10	Miamisburg, O.
C. Plüss,	1	Brown County "	26	55	47	36	7				8		18 00		1	Arnheim, O.
J. Stuck,	5	Dallas "	96	142	133	34	8	5	9	16	3	2	56 00	50		Greenville, O.
G. H. Leonard,	2	Highland "	68	150	95	8	4	1		11	4	2	117 50	15		Hillsboro, O.
S. Shaw,	4	Port Jefferson "	130	190	190	13		1	2		5	2	128 30	25		Sidney, O.
P. H. Kroh,	3	Anna "	45	95	80	13				2	11	1		10		Anna, Ill.
R. Schweedes,	1	Covington "	74	37	37	17	4	15			6	1	107 00	1	1	Covington, Ky.
G. W. Williard (supply)	1	Germantown congregation,	60	75	60	10	11	2			1	1	25 00	10		
J. Schlosser (supply)	1	Beaver Creek "	35	70	65							1	*227 95	15		Lacon, Ill.
J. Kercher,	3	Lacon,	200	270	120	27	5				5		10 00			Sidney, O.
J. Weaver,		With't chg. sup. sev'l congs.														Grandview, O.
C. Brents,																West Alexandria, O.
S. K. Denius,																Nevins, O.
G. Shafer,													$6309 87			

* Tercentenary offerings included.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

CHARGES.	Uncon. Members.	Members.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirm's	By Letter.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Minutes.	Benev. Contribu's	PO
umbus.													
ion,	40	42	39	3		1			2	1	10	$15 00	Columb
aware,	68	211	143	28	13	1	6		12	1	10	114 00	Baltimo
king,	169	176	136	8	11	8	1	1	3	1	15	100 00	Delawar
lton,	36	16	16							1	10	35 00	Johnsto
ver,	200	185	180	34	2				1	1	10	198 45	Stoutsvi
erset,	150	400	330	49	14	2			15	1		15 00	Beaverto
al Winchester.	220	262	240	31	34	10			6	4	35	134 00	Somerset
nick-Kinnick,	216	110	105	16	2	3	8		8	2	30	96 00	Canal W

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS, 1863

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	CHARGES.	Unconfirmed Members.	Confirmed Members.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Rec'd by Certif.	Dis. by Letter.	Excommuni'd.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Minutes, Eng.	Minutes, Ger.	Benevolent.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
N. P. Hacke,	6	Greensburg, German,	600	700	635	120	40					6			$250 00	Greensburg, Pa.
H. E. F. Voigt,	9	Mt. Pleasant & Latrobe,	150	180	167	23					3	7				Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
Benj. Knepper,	5	Wellersburg,		186	131	94	23				15	2	12		20 00	Wellersburg, Pa.
F. K. Levan,	5	Mt. Pleasant,	75	130	100	5					5	1			50 00	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
F. Wall,	4	Berlin,		328	240	54	18		1	1	15	3	20	20	129 00	Berlin, Pa.
T. J. Barkley,	4	Salem,	225	240	220	22	9	3			2	4	40		275 00	Salem X Roads, Pa.
C. C. Russell,	4	Latrobe,	185	200	175	13	31	7	2		13		16	4	165 00	Latrobe, Pa.
E. E. Higbee,	1	Grace Church,	110	88	69	11	31	6	3		3	1	10		1290 00	Mercersburg, Pa.
H. W. Super,	3	Greensburg, English,	228	208	154	24	10	12			1	3	25		112 00	Greensburg, Pa.
W. A. Gring,	5	Grantsville,	250	300	290	20	15	1		1	4	3	20	5	97 00	Elk Lick, Pa.
Geo. H. Johnston,	3	Somerset,	153	186	150	11	4				12	3	25		134 29	Somerset, Pa.
Vacant,	1	Cumberland mission,		74	74							1	10	10		Cumberland, Pa.
Cyrus Cort,	1	Altoona Mission,	44	50	33	13	5				3		15	5	700 00	Altoona, Pa.
H. H. W. Hibschman,	4	Beam's,	200	210	164	15	10									Jenner X Roads, Pa.
Vacant,	5	Shade,	150	186	180	4	7				2					Stoystown, Pa.
Wm. Conrad,		Without charge,														Berlin, Pa.
Prof. J. A. Peters.		Li. Westmoreland Col.														Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
Wm. Weinel,		Superannuated.														Leechburg, Pa.

SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

Cong.	CHARGES.	Uncon. Members.	Confirmed Members.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirms.	By Letter.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Benevolent Objects.	No. Min.	POS
4	Tuscarawas,	144	190	190	17	1	6	3		4	2	$233 04	10	Nayar
6	Reedsburg,	307	60	300	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]							
4	North [illegible]													

SHEBOYGAN CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Cong.	CHARGES.	Uncon. Members.	Confirmed Members.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirma.	By Letter.	Dis. by Let.	Erased.	Deaths.	Schools.	Benevolent Objects.	Minutes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
H. A. Muehlmier,	2	Immanuel & Bethel.	265	225	235	48	3	3	12	1	9	2	$200 00	3	Howard's Grove, Wisconsin.
H. A. Winter,	3	First Reformed Church,	140	150	80	26	7		3	1	6	1	20 00		Sauk City, Wisconsin,
James Bossard,	2	Sharon and Zoar,	45	74	70	5	27		1			2	28 00	1	Sheboygan, Wisconsin,
J. T. Kluge,	2	St. Paul and Zion,	125	187	187	29	7	15	17		11	2	45 00		Do., do.
J. J. Brecht,	4	Emanuel,	25	30	36	10	5				2	4			Girard, Clayton Co., Iowa.
C. Lienkaemper,		Do,	75	85	72	18	8	22				1	12 00		Medina, Outogamy Co., Wis.
P. Jörris,	2	Salem and Zoar,	81	83	82	9	6	20		2	4	2	40 00	11	Sturgis, Michigan,
N. Rueteniek,	3	Lowell,	125	130	75	33	9	10	4	2	3	1	12 00	3	Lowell, Dodge Co., Wis.
J. Vergenz,	1	Mayville,	85	50	32	22			13	1	2				Mayville, do., do.
C. Schiller,	1	St. John Ebenezer,	102	107	107	24	8			2	3	2	11 00		Manitowoc, Wisconsin.
J. Blaetgen,	1	Salem Ebenezer,	39	20	20	8					2	1			Newtonburg, Manitowoc Co.

E. H. Wöhler, Wis., no report. J. Romeis, Howard's Grove, Sheboygan county, Wis., no report.

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

CHANGES.	Uncon. Members.	Members.	Communi-cants.	Baptisms.	Confirm's	By Cer.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Contribu-tions.	Min. Ger.	Min. Eng.	P
rofessor,														
d Tiffin,														
allion Charge,	250	210	201	31	38	6	24		12	2				Tiffin, O
leveland,		420	320	32		20	4	1	8	2	$49 15	10	2	Tiffin.
on's Charge,	77	154	154	23		54		4	3	2	223 48	30		Crestline
t Marion Charge,	50	120	112	24	25	1			7	1	94 15	50		Clevelan
rwick Charge,	150	130	100		10					2	41 74	4	3	Stoutsvil
ompson Charge,	289	301	300	30						2			*	Marion,
fessor,	220	231	210	48	18	2		14	4		217 50	20	*	Berwick,
ner Sandusky,														Bellevue,
Charge,	120	100	100	12	35	1								
mont,														

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

MINISTERS,	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirm's	By Letter.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Contribu's	Min. Eng.	Min. Ger.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
J. H. Klein,	1	St. John's Church,	247	274	43	19	16	2	1	25	1	$75 00			Fort Wayne, Indiana.
C. Cast,	1	Zion's Charge,	180	170	70	13		14		12	1				Detroit, Michigan.
Peter Vitz,	1	St. Peters,	110	109	18	7	19	4		8	1	17 00			Huntington, Indiana.
Ch. Jackel,	2	Adams county,	195	94	7		3			4	2	19 45			Decatur, Adams county, Indirna.
W. Wasnich,	5	Brush Creek,	160	160	36	17				6	3	41 00	2	10	Pulaski, Williams county, Ohio.
Philip Becker,	5	Whitley county,	257	253	38	6	8			26	1	16 71	10	15	Columbia City, Indiana
W. Spiese,	2	Henry county,	150	150	28	4	14	1		8	2				New Bavaria, Defiance county, Ohio.
J. D. Gackenheimer,		No report,										5 00			
H. E. C. Schuette,	6	St. Paul's charge,	57	57	18	17	6			7	1	10 00			Three Rivers, Mich.
Peter Kohl,	2	Fulton county charge,	60	58	4		3			4	1				Ai, Fulton county, Ohio.
A. Butt,		Without charge,													Pulaski, Williams county, Ohio.
J. G. Kissell,															Auburn, De Kalb county, Ind.
Jonas Michael,	3	Winnemac,	100	95	36	27	3	3			2	10 75			Winnemac, Pulaski county, Ind.
D. Kroh,	2	Three Rivers,	60		6					3					Three Rivers, Mich.
S. Z. Beam,	2	Neriah,	79	56	10	7	1			6	1	50 62			Erie, Monroe county, Mich.
E. Spangler,		Without charge,													Edgarton, Williams county, Ohio.
D. Lantz,	3	Bristol,	180	180	36	14				30					Constantine, St. Joseph county, Mich.
G. A. Fickes,	3	Marshall county mission,	60	50	7	1				4	2	11 00			Plymouth, Indiana.
Vacant,		Blufton charge, no report.													

INDIANA CLASSIS.

CHARGES.	Bap. Mem.	Confirmed Members.	Communi-cants.	Baptisms.	Confirms.	Letter.	Dismissed.	Baths.	Schools.	Sch.	Volent Tribu.	Eng.	Ger.

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Cong.	CHARGES.	Confirmed Members.	Uncon. Members.	Communi-cants.	Baptisms.	By Confir.	By Letter.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Benevolent Contribn.	No. Min.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
John Hoyman,	6	Orangeville,	170	180	140	37	3	1	4		13	5		20	Orangeville, Stevenson Co., Ill.
J. P. Decker,		Superannuated,												1	Freeport, do do.
H. K. Baines,	3	Cedarville,	40	50	14	2						3	$15	10	Cedarville, do do.
John Stoneberger,	1	Astoria,	60	50	16	5	2	4			1		12	5	Astoria, Fulton county, Illinois.
George Weber,		Missionary,											8	5	Freeport, Stevens'n Co., do.
C. W. Seaman,	1	Freeport,												5	Freeport, do do.
H. Knepper,		Without Charge,												4	Ogle's Station, Lee Co., do.
F. A. Edmonds,	4	Foreston,	92	104	92	14					4	2	28	6	Foreston, Ogle Co., do.
William Gilpin,	2	Hickory Creek,	34	34	34								16	4	Hickory Creek, Fay. Co., do.
Joseph Sechler,		Licentiate,												2	Lena, Stevenson Co., do.
Frederick Hullhorst,	1	St. James,	40	30	40	12						1		6	Lanark, Carroll Co., do.
Jacob Burkholder,	1	Licentiate,												2	Shuey's Mill, Green Co., Wis.
W. W. James,	2	Shelbyville,	44	31	44	7	1					2	20	5	Shelbyville, Illinois.

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

CHARGES.	Unconf'md Members.	Confirmed Members.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	By Letter.	Dis. by Let.	Excommu.	Deaths.	S. Sepools.	Benevolent Contribu.	Min. Eng.	Min. Ger.	POST O
anchester,	760	800	641	71	44				41	5	$327 60			Nimissi
ooster,	350	400	380								250 87			Wooste
nton Charge,	540	680	671	131	70									
rth Georgetown,	973	[illegible]	[illegible]					4	91	[illegible]	[illegible]			

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Of the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States, convened in the German Reformed Church, Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania, in the month of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and sixty-five. The sessions continued from the evening of the eighteenth to the evening of the twenty-sixth day of the month, inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The sessions of Synod were opened with singing and prayer by the Rev. Dr. John H. A. Bomberger; prior to which, the President, Rev. Benjamin Bausman, preached a sermon from Ephesians 3: 14, 15—"*For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named.*"

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

Rev. Isaac K. Loos,[1] Daniel Y. Heisler, Levi K. Derr, and Cyrus J. Becker.[2]

Elders. * * * * * *

II. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LEBANON.

Rev. Dr. Thomas S. Johnston, Jonathan E. Hiester, Uriah H. Heilman, John P. Stein, and J. Caspar Bucher.[3]

Elders. John Meily, Eli Klopp, Daniel S. Hull, and Henry Heilman.

III. FROM THE CLASSIS OF ZION.

Rev. Samuel Philips, David W. Kelley, William R. H. Deatrich, and William D. Lefevre.

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[1] Obtained leave of absence on the morning of the eighth day of the sessions.

[2] Took his seat on the morning of the third day of the sessions.

[3] Was succeeded by the *primarius*, Rev. Charles H. Leinbach, on the morning of the third day of the sessions.

Elders. William A. Wilt, Jacob Bernheisel,[4] George Ickes,[5] and Daniel Schwartz.[6]

IV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

Rev. Edward R. Eschbach, Henry I. Comfort, Joseph W. Santee, John Külling, and Frederick A. Rupley.
Elders. John Tice, and Frederick Achey.

V. FROM THE CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Rev. Dr. John H. A. Bomberger, William Sorber, Alfred B. Shenkle,[7] Daniel Gans, and Dr. Samuel R. Fisher.
Elders. Charles Santee, John Wiest, and Dr. Aug. F. Schelly.[8]

VI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

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VII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

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VIII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

Rev. Prof. E. E. Higbee, Henry Heckerman, Dr. Benjamin S. Schneck,[9] Nehemiah H. Skyles, and Isaac G. Brown.[10]
Elders. Adam B. Wingerd, Abraham Kieffer, and Abraham Harnish.[11]

IX. FROM THE CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

Rev. William R. Yearick,[12] Augustus L. Dechant,[11] and Peter S. Fisher.[13]

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[4] Obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the seventh day of the sessions.

[5] Took his seat on the morning of the third, and obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the seventh day of the sessions.

[6] Took his seat on the morning of the fourth, and obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the ninth day of the sessions.

[7] Was succeeded by the Rev. Jacob Dahlman, Jr., on the afternoon of the eighth day of the sessions.

[8] Took his seat on the morning of the third, and obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the fifth day of the sessions.

[9] Obtained leave of absence on the evening of the eighth day of the sessions.

[10] Was succeeded by the *primarius*, the Rev. John W. Love, on the morning of the third day of the sessions.

[11] Took his seat on the morning of the third day of the sessions.

[12] Obtained leave of absence on the evening of the seventh day of the sessions.

[13] Took their seats on the morning of the sixth day of the sessions.

Elders. George Sheip,[13] and Samuel Leidy.[11]

X. FROM THE CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

Rev. John F. Busche.
Elder. George Bachman.

XI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

Rev. Martin A. Smith, William H. H. Snyder, John G. Wolf, and Dr. Emmanuel V. Gerhart.[14]
Elders. George Z. Kunkel,[15] Jacob Gingerich,[16] and Edward J. Zahm.[12]

XII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF CLARION.

Rev. Joseph G. Shoemaker, and Milton H. Hockman.
Elders. Adam Hepler, and William G. King.

XIII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF ST. PAUL.

Rev. George B. Russell, Lawrence B. Leberman,[17] and Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher.[18]
Elders. John Daubenspeck, and Darius S. Diffenbacher.[19]

XIV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

Rev. Ephraim Kieffer, Reinhardt R. Schmidt, George E. Addams,[20] and William Goodrich.[21]
Elders. David Moyer,[22] George Hill,[23] Levi Balliet,[24] and Peter Faust.[25]

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[14] Took his seat on the morning of the third, and obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the fifth day of the sessions.

[15] Obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the third day of the sessions.

[16] Obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the sixth day of the sessions.

[17] Took his seat on the morning of the third day of the sessions.

[18] Took his seat on the morning of the third, and was succeeded by the Rev. C. A. Limberg, on the afternoon of the seventh day of the sessions.

[19] Took his seat on the morning of the third, and obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the fifth day of the sessions.

[20] Obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the eighth day of the sessions.

[21] Obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the ninth day of the sessions.

[22] Took his seat on the afternoon of the second day of the sessions.

[23] Took his seat on the afternoon of the second, and obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the fifth day of the sessions.

[24] Took his seat on the afternoon of the third day of the sessions.

[25] Took his seat on the afternoon of the fifth day of the sessions.

XV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

Rev. John K. Millet, Ephraim S. Sheip, and Charles F. Hoffmeier.[26]
Elders. Joseph Jordan,[27] John Moyer,[28] and Abraham Brown.

XVI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF WEST NEW YORK.

Rev. Dietrich Willers.
Elder. Henry Driesbach.

XVII. FROM THE SYNOD OF OHIO AND ADJACENT STATES.

Rev. George W. Williard.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

FROM THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PROTESTANT DUTCH CHURCH.

Rev. Dr, John F. Mesick.

FROM THE GERMAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Rev. S. K. Brobst.

FROM THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

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ADVISORY MEMBERS.

From the Classis of East Pennsylvania.—Rev. John Beck, George B. Dechant.

From the Classis of Lebanon.—Rev. Benjamin Bausman, David W. Wolff, Alexander S. Vaughan, J. Caspar Bucher.

From the Classis of Zion.—Rev. James A. Schultz, David E. Klopp, Jacob O. Miller, William C. Bennet.

From the Classis of Maryland.—Rev. George L. Staley.

From the Classis of Philadelphia.—Rev. Samuel H. Giesy, Jacob Dahlman, Jr., Nicholas Gehr, John Gantenbein.

From the Classis of Virginia.—Rev. Daniel Feete.

From the Classis of Mercersburg.—Rev. Cyrus Cort, Walter E. Krebs, Calvin U. Heilman, Dr. Henry Harbaugh.

From the Classis of Goshenhoppen.—Rev. George W. Aughinbaugh.

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[26] Was succeeded, on the afternoon of the seventh day of the sessions, by the *secundus*, Rev. Jonathan Zellers.

[27] Obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the fifth day of the sessions.

[28] Obtained leave of absence on the evening of the eighth day of the sessions.

From the Classis of Lancaster.—Rev. Dr. Bernard C. Wolff, Frederick Fox, Daniel Hertz.

From the Classis of East Susquehanna.—Rev. David B. Albright, John W. Steinmetz, Charles A. Rittenhouse, William C. Cremer, Jared Fritzinger, W. H. H. Hibschman, Albert G. Dole, John W. Lescher, and Elder Col. Daniel Follmer.

From the Classis of St. Paul.—Rev. D. D. Leberman, Samuel N. Callender.

From the Classis of Clarion.—Rev. William G. Engle.

From the Classis of West Susquehanna.—Rev. William M. Reily, Israel S. Weisz, Aaron R. Hottenstein, Jonathan Zellers, William H. Groh, Henry C. Heyser.

From the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States.—Rev. John McConnel, Simon S. Miller, George H. Johnston, William A. Gring.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

The presence of the following ministers of other denominations was announced during the progress of the sessions:

Of the Presbyterian Church.—Rev. Walter Powell, Mr. Bellville, Mr. Davis, Mr. Sterrett, Mr. Johnston, J. H. Baird, W. Patterson, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Jellett, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Merrill.

Of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.—Rev. J. Beckner, J. G. Anspach, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Close.

Of the Methodist Episcopal Church.—Rev. Messrs. Porter, Cooper, Spotswood.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Fisher was chosen *President.*

Rev. Edward R. Eschbach was chosen *Corresponding Secretary.*

Rev. George B. Russell was chosen *Temporary Clerk.*

Rudolph F. Kelker, Esq., was chosen *Treasurer.*

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The rules of order were read by the Clerk.

The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the present sessions:

The *Morning Session* to open at half-past eight, and close at half-past eleven o'clock.

The *Afternoon Session* to open at two, and close at five o'clock.

The officers of the last Synod appointed to revise the Rules of Order, *reported progress,* and were continued.

Adam Hepler.

On Overtures.—Rev. Isaac
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William G. King.

On Minutes of Classes.—Re
ter, John Külling, William H
Brown; and Elders William
Jordan.

On Examination, Licensure,
A. Bomberger, Dietrich Willers
B. Wingerd, and John Meily.

On the State of Religion and
S. Johnston, William R. H. De
George Z. Kunkel, and William

On the Theological Seminary.
John G. Wolff; and Elders Cha

On Missions.—Rev. Edmund
J. Casper Bucher; and Elders Al

On Finance.—Rev. Frederick
F. Hoffmeier; and Elders John

On Nominations.—Rev. Mart
Reinhardt R. Schmidt; and Elde
benspeck.

On Publication.—Rev. George
D. Lefevre; and Elders Charles S

Maryland, Philadelphia, Mercersburg, Goshenhoppen, New York, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Clarion, St. Paul, and Western New York, were received and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the Reports on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, which were referred to the Committee on that subject.

3. The annual reports of the Boards of Trustees and Visitors of the Theological Seminary, were received and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

4. The annual reports of the Boards of Domestic and Foreign Missions, were received and referred to the Committee on Missions.

5. The annual report of the Treasurer of Synod was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

6. A letter was received from the Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff, and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

7. A number of other communications were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of the last annual sessions was dispensed with, and they were referred to the Committee on Minutes of Synod. This Committee submitted the following report, which was received and disposed of item by item:

The Committee on the Minutes of Synod, respectfully report the following items which claim the attention of this body:

Item 1, *pages* 18, 19. Delegates to Corresponding Bodies.

Item 2, *page* 43. A resolution enjoining upon delinquent Classes to make immediate efforts to pay up backstanding assessments, with interest, from January 1, 1858, to the Theological Seminary, and requesting the Treasurer of the Seminary to make out the account against each delinquent Classis.

Item 3, *page* 46. The continuance of the Committee on the claim of Synod against the late ex-sheriff of York county.

Item 4, *page* 98. Instructions to the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary to have a part of the Kieffer legacy transferred to the Treasurer of Synod.

Item 5, *page* 101. Instructions to the Treasurer of Synod, as to the manner in which the Kieffer and Cook legacies, and the contribution from the congregation in Middletown, Md., shall be invested.

Item 6, *pages* 110, 111. The appointment of a committee to sell the real and personal property of Synod at Chambersburg.

Item 7, *page* 113. Instructions to the Stated Clerk in regard to the *publication of the Minutes* of Synod.

Item 8, *page* 115. The Committee to prepare a digest of the proceedings of Synod was continued.

Item 9, *page* 118. Instructions to the Stated Clerk to furnish the President of the West Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, with a copy of the action adopted by Synod in reference to a complaint against the Rev. Mr. Conoway.

Item 10, *page* 128. The appointment of a Committee on the Tercentenary enrollment of Church members, with certain instructions in regard to the same.

Item 11, *page* 129. The appointment of a Committee for the purpose of maturing a plan for the founding of a Tercentenary Theological Professorship.

Item 12, *page* 8. The appointment of the officers of Synod to revise the Rules of Order for the government of its business.

Item 13, *page* 167. A request of the Synod to Rev. Joshua H. Derr, to pay over certain funds to the respective Treasurers.

Item 14, *page* 117. The appointment of a Committee to revise the Provisional Liturgy.

Respectfully submitted.

B. S. SCHNECK, *Chairman.*

For the reports of the delegates to Corresponding Bodies referred to in Item 1, and the report of the Stated Clerk, referred to in Item 9, see Article IX., Corresponding Bodies. For the result of the action of Synod referred to in Items 2, 3, 4, and 11, see Article XIII., Theological Seminary; Items 5 and 13, see Article XV., Finance; Item 6 and 7, see Article XIX., Publication; Items 8, 10, and 14, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous; and Item 12, see Article IV., Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VIII.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures submitted the following report, which was received and disposed of item by item:

The Committee on Overtures would respectfully report that the following documents have been placed in their hands:

I. A letter, signed by thirteen German pastors and seven elders, assembled in conference at Philadelphia, September 19th and 20th, 1865, in which they represent, that the interests of our German congregations, and through these the true interests of our Church, are not properly attended to, inasmuch as candidates for the ministry are not qualified in our institutions for the service of German congregations now existing, or for missions among the German population of our land; and that, on this account, many German congregations are

now without pastors. They, therefore, respectfully but earnestly pray Synod:

1. That a German Professor be at once placed in our Theological Seminary.

2. That it use its influence with the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College:

(*a.*) That they require the incumbent of the German Professorship in said college to be a member of the German Reformed Church.

(*b.*) That the study of the German language and literature be made obligatory on all students having the ministry in view, and be in every respect placed on an equality with the ancient languages.

II. A document from Rev. Samuel Miller, in reference to the creation of a business convention of the German Reformed Church.

III. A letter from the officers of Virginia Classis, addressed to Rev. Jacob O. Miller, requesting that he might, as their unofficial representative, make such statements to Synod, in regard to their condition, as might be proper. Your committee recommend that this letter be read.

ISAAC K. LOOS, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on the several Items contained in this report, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous.

ARTICLE IX.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SISTER CHURCHES,

I. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches submitted the following report, which was received and disposed of item by item:

Your Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches respectfully submit the following report:

The documents placed in our hands are as follows:

(1.) A copy of the Acts and Proceedings of the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in North America, A. D. 1865.

This Synod elected, as delegates to the Synod of the German Reformed Church, Rev. John F. Mesick, D.D., *primarius*, and Paul D. Van Cleif, *secundus*. Rev. J. S. Foulk, delegate of our Synod, was present. The Synod adjourned, to meet in the 34th street Church, New York city, on the first Wednesday of June, 1866, at ten o'clock, A. M. We find no items claiming the special action of this Synod.

(*2.*) *Copies* (*German* and English) of the Minutes of the 118th

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II. REPORTS OF DELE

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surprised when standing upon the floor of the Western Synod. In the past decade the whole face of that body has been changed. The Reformed Church in the West has made wonderful progress. Many active and self-denying young men, the offspring of their literary and theological institutions, full of zeal for the Church, are now occupying prominent and long neglected points. In this respect the Seminary at Tiffin has been doing an increasing good work. The Institution itself grew out of the fact, that it was impossible for the Seminary at Mercersburg to supply the large destitution and want of ministers, both East and West. The result has shown the wisdom and propriety of establishing institutions of collegiate and theological training within their own territory, and under their own direction and control. The condition and wants of their College and Seminary at Tiffin engaged a large share of the time and earnest deliberations of that Synod at its meeting last summer.

One other prominent topic of warm and interesting discussion was the providing of a Liturgy for the use of the Western Church. Two years ago a committee charged with this important work was appointed. As the result of their labors, this committee, through its chairman, Rev. Prof. Rust, submitted specimen forms for various services. Provisional use was given to this work until, in its completed form, it should be ready to be submitted to the judgment and action of the General Synod. One thing was very apparent from the earnest and harmonious discussion of this vastly important subject, namely, that a growing desire is felt on the part of the Western Church for a properly constructed Liturgy, and a good determination to hail with delight the work in this respect of the General Synod next fall, when, it is understood, the Provisional Liturgies of both Synods are to be submitted for action.

On the departure of your delegate, he was requested to bear to this parent Synod the reciprocated tenderness and affectionate regard of a grateful child.

Thanking your Reverend body for the confidence reposed in me as your delegate, this report is most respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL H. GIESY.

General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church. The following report was received from the delegate to this body:

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States, the undersigned begs leave to report:

That as one of the delegates to the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, he attended, in fulfilment of the duty assigned him, the sessions of that ecclesiastical body for several days in New Brunswick, N. J., during the early part of June last. He takes pleasure in saying that he was kindly received and treated with the utmost cordiality. Both in public and in private the representative of your Synod was made to feel that a strong bond of sympathy unites

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III. APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

The following persons were elected delegates to Corresponding Bodies:

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church of Ohio and adjacent States.—Rev. George B. Russell, *primarius*, and Rev. Charles H. Leinbach, *secundus*.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church.—Rev. Daniel Gans, *primarius*, and Rev. Samuel Philips, *secundus*.

To the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania.—Rev. Daniel Y. Heisler, *primarius*, and Rev. Isaac K. Loos, *secundus*.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RELATING TO CORRESPONDENCE.

The Stated Clerk submitted the following report, which was adopted. In connection with the report, the action of the Lutheran Synod of West Pennsylvania, to which it refers, was read.

The undersigned, as Stated Clerk, reports,

That, in compliance with the instructions of Synod, he transmitted a copy of its action in the case of the Rev. Mr. Conoway, to the President of the West Pennsylvania Synod of the Lutheran Church, and received a copy of the action of that Synod in the case, in reply. From this action, it appears that the Synod instituted an investigation, and, as far as the facts came to their knowledge, they find that the irregularity complained of was committed, but that it occurred under circumstances which, in their view, strip it of all criminality. The language of the Synod's action is kind and respectful, and manifests an earnest desire to maintain friendly relations between the two Churches.

Respectfully submitted
SAMUEL R. FISHER.

On the morning of the eighth day of the sessions, the Rev. Dr. John F. Mesick, the delegate from the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, took leave of Synod in an appropriate address, which was responded to by the President.

On the afternoon of the same day, the Rev. George W. Williard, the delegate from the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, took leave of Synod in a similar manner.

Shortly after his appearance in Synod, the Rev. S. K. Brobst, the delegate from the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, took occasion to address the Synod in regard to the fraternal relations existing between the two Synods. His address was briefly responded to by the President.

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in reference to Synod's request, that the Sunday Schools be conducted in accordance with sound Christian principles and the order of our Church.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Zion's Classis earnestly iterates its requests to Synod, to reduce the expenses incurred by the publication of the Synodical minutes. East Susquehanna Classis makes the same request, promising that in the event of a compliance, they will be able to take, and circulate, a larger number of minutes within their limits.

2. Maryland Classis requests Synod to enter into correspondence with the Mission House at Basel and St. Crischona near that city, with a view to procure Christian Ministers for our German population.

3. The same Classis overtures Synod to adopt some method to diminish her contingent expenditures.

4. Philadelphia Classis respectfully and earnestly iterates its request to Synod, to make full provision for supplying the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg with a German Professor.

5. Lebanon Classis respectfully requests Synod to take some notice of the state of public feeling in the Church, in behalf of Franklin and Marshall College.

6. The same Classis requests Synod to take into consideration the propriety of founding a Female Institution, in which the daughters of our Church can enjoy the advantages of a good Christian education.

7. The same Classis requests Synod to consider the propriety of appropriating all Missionary funds to the Home Field.

8. New York Classis overtures Synod to establish its own Foreign Missions, and proposes East India as the field for this purpose.

9. The same Classis requests Synod to print forms for Statistical Reports.

10. The same Classis requests Synod to take steps to procure more laborers for the German portion of our Church.

11. West New York Classis overtures Synod to establish, as soon as possible, its own Foreign Missions.

12. East Pennsylvania Classis requests Synod to take into earnest consideration, our relations as a Church to the Aintab Mission, and to distinctly define that relation.

13. The same Classis requests Synod to consider the propriety of removing the Seminary from Mercersburg to Philadelphia.

14. St. Pauls Classis requests Synod to acquiesce in their appropriation of certain funds raised for the benefit of Rev. Benjamin Boyer.

III. APPEALS.

Rev. William C Bennet appeals to Synod from the action of Zion's Classis, upon the injunction of Synod in reference to his moral character, and the settlement of the Boiling Springs Church difficulty.

IV. SYNOD'S REQUESTS TO THE CLASSES.

1. Zion's Classis cannot comply with the injunction of Synod in reference to the moral character of Rev. William C. Bennet and the execution of Synod's resolutions, touching the settlement of the Bennet case and Boiling Springs Church difficulties, for reasons assigned in her Report.

2. Classes generally accede to the requests of the Synod with regard to conducting Sunday Schools in accordance with sound Christian principles and the order of the Church; to the completion of the Tercentenary enrolment, and the compensation of Stated Clerks; to Christian love and practical benevolence in behalf of Missions; to the increased circulation of the Church Papers; to the annual Free-will offerings on Trinity Sunday; to Domestic and Foreign Missions; to the sanctification of the Sabbath; and to the delinquency of the Classes to meet their indebtedness.

3. All the Classes which acted in the case, acquiesce in the General Synod's proposed amendments and new clauses in the Constitution.

4. West Susquehanna, Lancaster, Philadelphia, and Lebanon Classis cheerfully comply with Synod's request to increase their contributions to the cause of Beneficiary Education.

5. St. Paul's Classis cannot think it expedient, or their duty, to draw on their people for funds, under the plea of supporting our Foreign Missionary, or to divert any of their means to the co-ordinate branches of our Missionary work.

6. The same Classis acquiesces in Synod's action in reference to the Tercentenary Professorship.

7. West Susquehanna Classis say they are not aware of being delinquent as to the assessment for the benefit of the Theological Seminary.

8. Lancaster Classis acquiesces in Synod's proposition to omit the word "German" in our Church title.

9. West New York and East Pennsylvania Classis do not think themselves able to comply with Synod's overture in reference to collections on Trinity Sunday.

10. Maryland Classis complied with the injunction of Synod, to proceed in the case of Rev. William Ida, according to the provisions of the Constitution.

11. Philadelphia Classis concur in Synod's action on the proposed change in the Constitution of the Board of Visitors.

12. The same Classis will comply with the request of Synod in regard to the claims of Foreign Missions, as soon as our Church has a Foreign Station *in fact* as well as in form.

13. The same Classis endorse Synod's expression of unfaltering devotion to the cause of our common Country, and complies with its requests to the Clergy and Laity to continue prayers and efforts for its success in its struggle with the Southern Rebellion.

14. East Pennsylvania Classis says that it cannot accede to the proposition of Synod to do more than it has done for our Church

Papers, and alleges as a reason for this inability, the fact that our German Paper is not simple and popular enough for its people. It therefore appointed a committee to consider the expediency of publishing practical Church Papers.

V. LICENSURE, ORDINATION, RECEPTIONS, AND DISMISSIONS.

1. St. Paul's Classis dismissed Rev. Frederick W. Dechant to the Philadelphia Classis; Received Rev. Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher and Rev. Charles A. Limberg from the Clarion Classis; Ordained the Licentiates David D. Leberman and William M. Landis; Licensed and Ordained Mr. John W. Ebbinghouse; dismissed Rev. David O. Shoemaker to Clarion Classis, and deposed the Rev. David B. Ernst from the Gospel ministry.

2. Lancaster Classis dismissed the Licentiate James A. Schultz to Zion's Classis; and received Rev. John G. Fritchey from Maryland Classis; and Ordained the Licentiates William Rupp and Eli Heister.

3. West Susquehanna Classis Licensed Mr. Andrew J. Heller, and dismissed him to Westmoreland Classis of the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States; received Rev. Charles F. Hoffmeier from the Mercersburg Classis; Dismissed Rev. Henry Weigandt to St. Joseph's Classis, of the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States, and Rev. Franklin J. Mohr to East Susquehanna Classis; and Ordained the Licentiate William M. Reily to the Gospel ministry.

4. East Susquehanna Classis dismissed Rev. Henry S. Bassler to the Goshenhoppen Classis; and received Rev. Jacob Kehm from Zion's Classis, Rev. Franklin J. Mohr from West Susquehanna Classis, and Rev. George E. Addams from Zion's Classis.

5. Clarion Classis Ordained the Licentiate William C. Houpt to the Gospel ministry; received Rev. Herman Bielfeld from Newark N. J. Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. Milton H. Hockman from Lancaster Classis of the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States, Rev. William G. Engle from the Goshenhoppen Classis, and the Licentiate Jacob F. Snyder from Westmoreland Classis; dismissed Rev. Horatio Daniel to Illinois Classis, and Rev. Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher to St. Paul's Classis; and Ordained the Licentiate Jacob F. Snyder to the Gospel ministry.

6. Zion's Classis dismissed Rev. George Leidy to the Classis of Philadelphia, Rev. Jacob Kehm to the East Susquehanna Classis, Rev. J. Julius Kurtz to the Lebanon Classis; received Rev. Jacob D. Zehring from the Lebanon Classis, and the Licentiate James A. Schultz from the Lancaster Classis; and Ordained the Licentiate James A. Schultz to the Gospel ministry.

7. Mercersburg Classis dismissed Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff to the New York Classis, Rev. N. E. Gilds to the Maryland Classis, Rev. R. P. Thomas to the Miami Classis of the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States; the Licentiate Simon S. Miller to the Sandusky Classis of the *Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States*; Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Fisher *to the Philadelphia Classis*, and Rev. Charles F. Hoffmeier to the

West Susquehanna Classis; received the Licentiate Calvin U. I man from Lebanon Classis; and Ordained Rev. Nehemiah H. S and Calvin U. Heilman to the Gospel ministry.

8. New York Classis received Rev. John M. Steiner from Evangelischer Kirchenverein des Westens; and erased from roll the name of Rev. August H. Hoching.

9. West New York Classis received Rev. J. E. W. Brash from Southern Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

10. Goshenhoppen Classis received Rev. Henry S. Bassler East Susquehanna Classis; Ordained the Licentiate Simon M. Huber to the office of the Holy ministry; dismissed the Licen William M. Landis to St. Paul's Classis; Rev. George W. Aug baugh to the Classis of Tiffin, Ohio; and Rev. William G. Eng the Clarion Classis; Licensed Mr. Levi C. Sheip, and Ordained to the Gospel ministry.

11. East Pennsylvania Classis dismissed Rev. J. H Derr to John's Classis of the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States; George W. Glessner to the Maryland Classis, and Rev. John tenbein to the Philadelphia Classis; Ordained the Licentiates Edw J. Fogel and John Sykes to the Gospel ministry.

12. Lebanon Classis received Rev. J. Caspar Bucher from W Susquehanna Classis, Rev. J. Julius Kurtz from Zion's Classis, the Licentiate William Rupp from Lancaster Classis; and dismi the Licentiate Calvin U. Heilman to the Mercersburg Classis.

13. Maryland Classis Ordained the Licentiate Rev. M. Bach to the Gospel ministry; suspended the Rev. William Ida of Baltim Md., from the office of the Holy ministry; received Rev. Nichola Gilds from Mercersburg Classis; dismissed Rev. John G. Fritchey the Lancaster Classis, and Rev. John B. Poerner to Lebanon Cla

14. Philadelphia Classis Ordained the Licentiate J. Caspar Ha to the Gospel ministry; received Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Fisher fr the Mercersburg Classis, Rev. John Gantenbein from East Penn vania Classis, and Rev. Frederick W. Dechant from St. Paul's Clas and dismissed the Licentiate Tilgham J. Seiple to Tiffin Classis of Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States.

VI. ANNUAL MEETING OF CLASSES.

1. Philadelphia Classis will hold its next annual meeting in We Church, Montgomery County, Pa., on Tuesday after Whitsund 1866, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., Rev. Daniel Gans, *President;* and Re Jacob Dahlman, Jr., *Stated Clerk.*

2. Maryland Classis will meet in the "Third German Reform Church," Baltimore, Md., on Friday evening preceding Trinity Su day, 1866, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., Rev. Robert Douglas, *President* and Rev. William F. Colliflower, *Stated Clerk.*

3. Lebanon Classis will hold its next annual meeting in Mohrsville, Berks County, Pa., on Thursday preceding Ascension day, 1866, at o'clock, P. M., Rev. J. Caspar Bucher, President; Rev. Jos Leis ter, Stated Clerk.

4. New York Classis will meet on Wednesday after Pentecost, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., 1866, in Suffolk Street, New York; Rev. Dr. G. C. Seibert, *President;* and Rev. Oscar Lohr, *Stated Clerk.*

5. West New York Classis will hold its next annual meeting at Ebenezer, Erie County, N. Y., on Thursday after Pentecost, 1866, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., Rev. Dietrich Willers, *President;* and Rev. John B. Kniest, *Stated Clerk.*

6. Goshenhoppen Classis will meet at Springfield, Bucks County, Pa., on Friday before Ascension day, 1866, at 10 o'clock, A. M., Rev. Wm. R. Yearick, *President;* and Rev. J. Henry Dubbs, *Stated Clerk.*

7. East Pennsylvania Classis will meet at Upper Mt. Bethel congregation, Northampton County, Pa., on Tuesday before Ascension day, 1866, at 3, o'clock, P. M., Rev. William R. Hofford, *President;* and Rev. N. S. Strassburger, *Stated Clerk.*

8. Mercersburg Classis will hold its next annual meeting in Alexandria, Huntingdon County, Pa., on Friday, May 18th, 1866, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., Rev. Isaac G. Brown, *President:* and Rev. W. M. Deatrick ,*Stated Clerk.*

9. Zion's Classis will meet at Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County, Pa., on the Friday before Ascension day, 1866, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., Rev. William R. H. Deatrich, *President;* and Rev. Samuel Philips, *Stated Clerk.*

10. Clarion Classis will hold its next annual meeting at St. Jacobs Church, Plum Creek Tp., Armstrong County, Pa., Rev. Jeriah S. Shade, *President;* and Rev. J. G. Shoemaker, *Stated Clerk.*

11. East Susquehanna Classis will meet in Milton, Pa., on Wednesday, May 30th, 1866, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., Rev. Albert G. Dole, *President;* and Rev. William Goodrich, *Stated Clerk.*

12. West Susquehanna Classis will meet in Rebersburg, Centre County, Pa., on the Third Thursday in May, 1866, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., Rev. J. K. Millet, *President;* Rev. David G. Klein, *Stated Clerk.*

13. Lancaster Classis will hold its next annual meeting, at Union Deposit, Dauphin County, Pa., on the Third Friday in May, 1866, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., Rev. Martin A. Smith, *President;* and Rev. Henry Mosser, *Secretary, pro tem.*

14. St. Paul's Classis will hold its next annual meeting at Butler, Butler County, Pa., on Thursday before Trinity Sunday, 1866, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., Rev. Lucian J. Mayer, *President;* and Rev. David O. Shoemaker, *Stated Clerk.*

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL PHILIPS, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on the items reported as Irregularities, on Request No. 14, on the Appeal reported, and on No. 1 of Synod's Requests to Classes, see Article XVI, Appeals and References; on Requests Nos. 1 and 3, see Article XV, Finance; on Requests Nos. 2, 4, 10, and 13, and Synod's Request to Classes, No. 7, see Article XIII, Theological Seminary; on Requests Nos. 5 and 6, see Article

XXI, Miscellaneous; on Requests Nos. 7, 8, 11, and 12, and Synod Requests to Classes Nos. 5 and 12, see Article XIV, Missions, ar on Request No. 9, and Synod's Request to Classes No. 14, see Artic XIX, Publication. The remaining items in the report were adopte

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ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

Application for licensure was made in behalf of Mr. Christoph Michel of New York, and Mr. John W. Bentz of Carlisle, Pa. Th were referred to the Committee on Examination, Licensure and Or nation. This Committee submitted the following report, which w received and adopted:

The Committee on Examination beg leave to report:—

That they have examined the candidates referred to them by Syno Christopher Michel and John W. Bentz, on the course of study pr scribed by the Constitution, excepting, in the case of the forme Greek, and in the case of both, Hebrew, also in regard to their orth doxy, piety and purity of motive in seeking the ministry, and, havi found the result satisfactory, recommend these brethren for licensur

The Committee would also recommend the adoption of the followi resolution, as a rule for determining more clearly the condition, whic must be complied with by those who desire to apply for licensure, b fore they are referred to the standing Committee on Examination:

Resolved—That no application for licensure from other than a r gular graduate of the Theological Seminary shall be entertained by th Synod, unless assurance be given, that the person applying has pursu a course of study corresponding substantially with that prescribed f the Theological Seminary, and that the attention of the Classes l directed to this matter.

Respectfully submitted

J. H. A. BOMBERGER, *Chairman.*

The officers of Synod were instructed to furnish the young me with certificates of Licensure upon their signing the Formula, as pr scribed by the Constitution.

Mr. Christopher Michel was placed under the care of the Class of New York, and Mr. John W. Bentz, under the care of the Class of Zion.

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Report submitted their report. It was received and adopted, and is as follow

The Committee on the State of Religion and Morals beg leave respectfully to submit the following report:

Beloved Fathers and Brethren: We have special cause for thanksgiving, that we have been permitted to assemble in our synodical capacity under circumstances differing greatly from those in which we have met for the past four years. The rebellion which threatened the life of the Republic has been subdued, law and order have been vindicated and re-established, and peace has been restored to our beloved land. The great purposes of God have been accomplished, and the din and confusion of war have ceased. No longer are we arrayed in hostile combat with our brethren, nor are those of one faith necessarily estranged, or prevented from seeking and enjoying again the communion of saints.

For several years past, we have been deprived of the presence and counsel of our brethren of the North Carolina and Virginia Classes; yet we have not failed to cherish the deepest affection for them, the liveliest interest in their condition, and the strongest sympathy for all their affliction. The messages we received from them have excited our gratitude to Almighty God, that, by the assistance of His Holy Spirit, they have been enabled to sustain the means of grace, and maintain their loyalty and integrity through all the terrific and trying scenes which have surrounded them. We reciprocate their cordial greetings and hasten to extend to them those kind offices, which our common Christianity enjoins.

During the past year, through all the exciting events which have occurred in rapid succession in our land, unprecedented in the history of the world, or in the upheavings of any age, our Reformed Church has pursued its onward and steady course. Leaving to Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, we have escaped the fatal rocks, upon which others have stranded, and have been true to the high obligations which rest upon us as a branch of the Church of Jesus Christ. We magnify the grace of God, which has thus abounded toward us, and rejoice to see the conciliatory spirit of true, fervent charity prevailing throughout our bounds. As the result of this, we have been saved from those schisms, which so often divide the body of Christ, and cause endless bickerings and bitter controversies among brethren.

It is a cause of thankfulness, that we are thus peculiarly qualified to act an important part in pouring oil upon the troubled waters of national strife, and are saved from the mortification of modifying or altering enactments made under the excitement of passion or of partisan feeling, or from an unholy thirst for popular applause. The results of this course are highly gratifying. We have not only not alienated any of our churches or brethren, but we have maintained our Churchly character, and have won the respect and confidence of all, who have correct views of the real mission of the Christian Church.

The statistical report will show a gratifying increase. The additions to the Church by Holy Baptism and by Confirmation amount to eleven thousand, *nine hundred* and fifty-six, while the loss from death

and excommunication amount, the former to 3332, the latter 19, in all 3351, showing thereby a positive gain of eight thousand six hundred and five.

The reports from the Classes speak also of a cheering increase of true, solid piety; not that which is ephemeral, confined to the feelings, fanatical and puritanical, but that which is the result of sound culture, and the proper appreciation of true worship. The vitality of the Church has manifested itself in earnest efforts to extend her borders. Probably more than in any other year of her history, have new fields been entered, new charges formed, large charges divided, and new enterprises inaugurated. Pastors have been faithful in the preaching of the word, the administration of the Sacraments, the catechisation of the young, pastoral visitations, and in the discharge of all the high and sacred duties of their divinely constituted office. The supernatural, mystical life, which is in our divine human Saviour, has thus flowed through the Church which is His body, and our membership have been made strong in the Lord, have been natured by His grace, and sustained and prospered in all their undertakings.

An unusually large number of deaths among the ministry have occurred during the past year. Lancaster Classis records the death of a beloved and venerable father in the Church, Rev. Isaac Gerhart. He was called to his heavenly home to receive the reward of the righteous. A long and useful life has ended. His venerable appearance and sound Christian example have been removed from us. We trust however, that, like the patriarch for old, "he though being dead, yet speaketh." He was permitted to labor for a period of fifty-one years. May he have found many "jewels in his crown of rejoicing."

Goshenhoppen Classis records the death of that ripe scholar, and meek and lovely servant of Christ, the Rev. Dr. John S. Kessler, who departed this life, Dec. 20, 1864, in the 65th year of his age. But he still lives in the new German Hymn Book, in the Provisional Liturgy, in his Bible Dictionary, and in the hearts of the Church.

St. Paul's Classis records, that, during the past year, one aged father, Rev. B. Boyer, has been called to his eternal rest. He was, for a long time, prevented from discharging the toilsome duties of the pastorate, by protracted and severe afflictions, but now he rests in hope.

West Susquehanna Classis records the death of the Rev. D. S. Tobias, who was removed from the scenes of his earthly toils and sufferings, to the enjoyment of his rest in heaven.

Mercersburg Classis records, that, on the 13th of April, 1864, Rev. Frederick A. Scholl departed this life. Having labored in the Lord's vineyard so long as his physical energies permitted, he is at last gathered to his fathers.

Philadelphia Classis reports the death of the Rev. Emmanuel Boehringer, Superintendent of the Orphan's Home, Bridesburg, Pa. He died, after a short illness, on the 25th of October, 1864, in the vigor of manhood, and in the midst of much usefulness.

John H. Crawford, of the Virginia Classis, died in September, 1864, intelligence of which reached the Synod at its present sessions.

Thus, in all, seven members of this Synod have been removed from the Church militant, as we trust and believe, to the Church triumphant. We are admonished of the importance of securing life's short day, in which to make our record, and perform our work; for the "night cometh."

In view of the earnest, vigorous life of our Church, we are encouraged to labor and pray for its extension, and most heartily ascribe all our progress to Him, to whom we belong both in life and in death. To God be all the glory.

Respectfully submitted
T. S. JOHNSTON, *Chairman.*

(For Statistical Report, see Appendix.)

The following religious exercises were observed during the sessions of Synod:

(1.) The sessions of each day were opened and closed with religious exercises. The first half hour of each morning session was also devoted to special religious services, which were conducted by the brethren present under the direction of the President.

(2.) At the commencement of the sessions, the Rev. Daniel Gans, William M. Reily and Elder William A. Wilt were appointed a Committee on Religious Exercises. This committee submitted their report which was received, amended and adopted. The report as adopted is as follows:

The Committee on Religious Exercises respectfully report as follows:

SERVICES IN GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH.

Thursday Evening. Preaching by Rev. T. S. Johnston, D. D., assisted in the services by Rev. J. W. Santee and M. A. Smith.

Preparatory service Saturday Afternoon.—German. Rev. Dietrich Willers, assisted by Rev. Nicholas Gehr and John Kuelling.

Sunday morning.—Communion service. Sermon by Rev. Saml. R. Fisher, D. D., assisted by Rev. William R. Yearick and William Sorber.

Sunday Evening. Sermon by Rev. Prof. E. E. Higbee, assisted by Rev. Edward R. Eschbach and William Goodrich.

SERVICES IN OTHER CHURCHES ON SUNDAY.

Methodist Episcopal Church. In the evening, sermon by Rev. Dr. Bernard C. Wolff.

Baptist Church. In the evening, sermon by Rev. Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D.

The Evangelical Association. In the morning, sermon by Rev. Lawrence D. Leberman, and evening, Rev. Joseph W. Santee.

Address, by Rev. John H. A. J
Gloria in excelsis, by the Choir
Prayer, by Rev. J. G. Wolff.
Benediction, by President.

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consisting of Rev. Dr. Benjamin S. Schneck, Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart, and Elder John Wiest, was appointed to confer with the committee from the Presbyterian Synod, with full power to make the necessary arrangements for the contemplated united service. This committee retired and subsequently reported, that the joint committees had agreed, that such united religious services as proposed, should be held the same evening in the Presbyterian Church, under the joint conduct of the presiding officers of the two bodies, which report was adopted. It was at the same time resolved, that these union services should take the place of the regular religious exercises of Synod, usually observed in the early part of its sessions.

The union religious exercises were held in the Presbyterian Church at the time proposed. They were opened with an invocation and a few introductory remarks by the Moderator of the Presbyterian Synod. A hymn was then sung, after which prayer was offered by one member of each of the Synods successively. Four brief addresses were delivered by members of each Synod, an interval after the first two of which was occupied by singing a few verses of a hymn. Prayer was again offered by one member from each Synod successively, after which another portion of a hymn was sung. Another address was made by a member of the Presbyterian Synod, followed by a few closing remarks by the President of the Synod of the German Reformed Church. The congregation united in repeating the Lord's prayer, after which the audience was dismissed by singing the doxology and pronouncing the apostolic benediction. The meeting was a truly solemn and interesting one. The impression left by the several exercises seemed to be most happy. All present felt that it was good to be there. May the good feeling generated on the occasion be long perpetuated, and eventually fully ripen in heaven!

(5.) The several appointments made by the Committee on Religious Exercises, other than those specified, were filled by the persons named.

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. REPORTS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND VISITORS.

(a.) *Report of the Board of Trustees.*

The following report was received from the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary:—

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States.

DEAR BRETHREN:—The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary was held at Mercersburg, in the early part of this month. A large number of its members were present, and

much interest was manifested by all in its prosperity. Now that war has ceased, and "peace dwells in all our borders," we hope the Church will feel that the Seminary is safe in Mercersburg.

The Board found it necessary to appropriate $200 for immediate repairs to the building, and they instructed us to state to Synod, that the Professors' houses *require* extensive repairs for their preservation, and the comfort of their respective families. It will be necessary for Synod to furnish at least $1000 for this purpose. The Board has not any funds that can be used for this purpose, hence they call upon Synod.

In our last report, it was stated, that a Committee from this Board had met the Executive and Financial Committee of Franklin and Marshall College, in Lancaster, on the subject of our indebtedness to the College, and that "after having made a full statement of the case to said College Committee, they agreed unanimously to recommend to the College Board, at its next meeting, the cancellation of said claim," etc. We are pleased to be able to state, though as a Board we have not yet received official information of the fact, that the College Board did, at its meeting in July, order the cancellation of said claim, as agreed upon by the Committees.

We herewith present to you the Annual Report of our Treasurer. It exhibits the monetary affairs of this Board to be in a flourishing condition.

Respectfully submitted.

D. W. GROSS, *President.*
GEO. COOK, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Church.

GENTLEMEN:—

In submitting my annual report for the year ending October 1st, 1865, I congratulate the Board on the excellent condition of the finances of the Seminary. By referring to the statement herewith annexed, it will be seen, that the income from the Seminary investments is largely in excess of the income of last year. This is owing to the unusually large dividends declared on the bank stock. Last year this amounted to $880—while this year it amounts to the sum of $2,503.26. This large increase results from the handsome surplus distributed by those banks that have gone under the National Banking system.

The total receipts for the year amount to $4.366.07, and the total disbursements to $3,620.07, leaving a balance in the Treasurer's hands of $746.07. It will thus be perceived, that the old Seminary endowment has paid the increased salaries of the professors, without drawing upon the Tercentenary moneys, and left a large surplus. This result, of course, cannot be expected in the future.

On the Synodical Apportionment account there has been received, during the year, $101.46, which, with a balance of $483.41 in the treasury, amount to $584.87.

The income from the Theological Tutorship fund amounts this year to $433.76. There was in the treasury last year a balance of $301.98, which, added to the above, makes $735.74. The disbursements have been $575.46, leaving a balance of $160.28.

By referring to the report of last year, it will be seen that the sum of $10,042.11 was received from Tercentenary offerings. By a typographical error, the additional sum of $4,855,64, in the hands of the Treasurer of Unappropriated Funds, was reported as received into this treasury. By referring to the former part of the report of last year, it will be seen, that this amount was *not* then received. The above sum of $10,042.11 was the whole amount received.

This year there have been received—Tercentenary offerings for the Seminary, $6,193.09, amounting in all, thus far received, to $16,235.20. There has been received interest thus far, $668.42.

In the above sum there are included bonds for $1,250.00, for the Theological Library. The Treasurer would suggest that Synod appoint some suitable person to disburse the interest of this fund. It was secured by the personal effort of Rev. Dr. Harbaugh. It forms a basis of a fund for one of the most important interests connected with the Theological Seminary.

Respectfully submitted.

A. B. WINGERD, *Treasurer.*

Theological Seminary in account with A. B. WINGERD, *Treasurer, from October* 1*st*, 1864, *to October* 1*st*, 1865.

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Interest on Plainfield Bonds.

George Cook, 30; J. F. Pontius, 6; Rev. W. F. Colliflower, 5; Isaac Rhodes, 3; Rev. T. C. Porter, D.D., 12; A. Haderman, 3; George Besore, 6; Rev. C. H. Leinbach, 38.50; Christ's Church, Littlestown, 12; Rev. S. R. Fisher, D.D., 6; Yellow Creek, 6; Rev. J. D. Zehring, 6; J. Rader, 12; W. H. Lawall, 6; J. P. Hetrich, 6; Stephen Deshler, 3; David Wolff, 11; A. Haderman, 3; J. Dittman, 3; Isaac Rhodes, 3; Paul Rhodes, 12; Waynesboro' congregation, 6; Shepherdstown congregation, 18; Dr. B. C. Wolff, 7.50; A. K. Shriver, 3.....		$227 00

Dividends and Interest.

Kieffer Fund.....	$570 00	
Keller Fund.....	300 00	
Interest on Peter Cook Estate.....	110 00	
Bank Dividends.....	2,508 26	
Sundry Investments.....	287 00	
		$3,750 28
Carried over.....		$3,977 2[illegible]

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Amounts brought forward	$146 75	$10,042 11
St. John's congregation, Chambersburg	10 00	
Rev. H. S. Bassler's charge	100 00	
J. A. Mertz, West Susquehanna Classis	48 00	
Zion's Classis, per Wm. A. Wilt	842 70	
Dr. L. H. Steiner	6 00	
S. R. Fisher & Co.—Note	2,073 04	
Rev. F. W. Kremer, Hill Church	24 00	
Rev. J. Kline	45 00	
Race Street congregation	70 00	
Rev. L. K. Derr	20 00	
D. W. Gross	2,782 60	
Miss R. Elizabeth Reily	25 00	
		$6,193 09
Interest on Investments		668 42
		$16,903 62

In the above amount is included $1,250, in Bonds, for the Theological Library, as stated above in this report.

(*b.*) *Report of the Board of Visitors.*

The following report was received from the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary:—

The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, Pa., respectfully submit the following report.

The Board was organized at the meeting of the Synod in Lancaster, immediately after their election, by the appointment of Rev. Dr. B. S. Schneck, *President;* Rev. T. G. Apple, *Secretary;* and Dr. S. R. Fisher, *Treasurer.*

The regular annual meeting was held in Mercersburg, May 15th, 1865. There were present, Rev. J. W. Santee, W. E. Krebs, P. S. Davis, B. Bausman, F. A. Rupley, and T. G. Apple. The Board attended the examinations in the Seminary, which were highly satisfactory. The Seminary course has been finally fixed at three years. The session opens on the 1*st Wednesday of September*, and closes, *on Monday after the 2d Sunday in May* of each year. The number of students connected with the Seminary during the year, is *Twenty-nine*, viz: J. C. Hauser, C. U. Heilman, S. J. Miller, J. G. Noss, W. D. Lefever, T. J. Seiple, J. Snyder, C. O. Knepper, C. G. Fisher, D. W. Gerhard, J. A. Hoffheins, T. F. Stauffer, E. H. Diefenbacher, J. W. Ebbinghaus, F. Pilgram, J. H. Schlappig, J. W. Bentz, Josiah J. Pennypacker, L. Krider Evans, Samuel A. Leinbach, John Van Haagen, Andrew J. Bowers, Wm. Haas, Lewis D. Steckel, Jeremiah S. Hess, Daniel M. Wolff, Amandus F. Ziegler, Dewalt S. Fouse, and Lewis Christ—29.

Rev. J. B. Kerschner, the foreign resident Tutor, returned to this country, and entered upon his duties in the Seminary last fall. It will thus be seen, that the faculty of the Seminary is full, and that every facility has been afforded the students, to secure a complete Theological training.

The following studies have been pursued during the year: Systematic Theology, Pastoral Theology, Catechetics, Philosophical Dogmatics, Synopsis of Theological Science, Lectures on the Heidelberg Catechism, Church History and Exegesis of New Testament, Lectures on World Religions, Hebrew Language and Exegesis, Archæology and Biblical History, and Homiletical Exercises.

This course of study is equal, we believe, to that of any other Theological Seminary in the land. Attention is paid to the German Language. The Homiletical exercises are conducted partly in that language, and the German Society is still maintained in operation. The Professors have labored faithfully with much satisfaction to the students, and the students are reported as pursuing their studies with diligence and zeal. There is much regularity and system in all the operations of the Seminary. Through the personal efforts of the Professors and students, funds have been obtained to put the chapel of the Seminary in a condition suitable for daily prayers, and public worship on Sunday. This is a commendable improvement. Altogether the Board feels rejoiced in reporting the prosperous condition of the Seminary. We believe it was never more efficiently conducted.

Arrangements have been made to close each year with regular commencement exercises. The first regular exercise of the character was held in the German Reformed Church, in Mercersburg, at the close of the last year.

It is recommended to Synod to confirm the payment of $100, by the Treasurer, to Professor W. M. Reily, for extra services in the Seminary.

A communication was received from Rev. Dr. P. Schaff, to be read before Synod, as his resignation of Professorship, in case another communication did not reach Synod directly from him. If there be such a communication from him to Synod, this was intended merely as the constitutional notice of his resignation. The whole matter is referred by the Board to the consideration of Synod. Appended is the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education.

Respectfully submitted.

B. S. SCHNECK, *President.*

THOS. G. APPLE, *Secretary.*

Board of Education of the German Reformed Church, in account with SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Treasurer.*

1864.	CR.	
Oct. 22.	By balance in Treasury	$1,224 43
Nov. 4.	By Cash from Rev. J. W. Hoffmeier	20 00
"	" " Rev. W. M. Deatrick	13 63
"	" " W. F. R. Davis	39 00
	Contribution from Frederick, Md	1 00
	Rev. M. A. Smith, Tercentenary contribution	6 50
23.	Rev. L. K. Derr, Ed. and Miss. Society	24 00
	Carried forward	$1,328

1864.			Amount brought forward	$1,390 56
Nov.	23.	Cash from	Rev. L. K. Derr, Tercentenary contribution,	20 00
		"	" H. L. Bassler's charge	50 00
	30.	"	" N. E. Gilds	10 00
		"	" L. B. Schwartz, members of cong	23 75
		"	" " " self	26 25
		"	" A. B. Shenkle	5 00
		"	Proceeds of Coupon	14 00
Dec.	14.	"	Rev. D. Gring, Tercentenary, from John Dutee	5 00
		"	Rev. D. P. Schaff, p. s	20 00
	21.	"	Rev. J. Zeigler, col. in Bender's	11 75
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Jan.	11.	"	Per W. A. Wilt, Treasurer of Zion's Classis, Tercentenary from Rev. G. E. Addams, $13.16; Rev. D. Ziegler, $30.90; Rev. J. Ziegler, $72.44; Rev. S. Philips, $6; and Rev. W. F. P. Davis, $100	222 50
		"	Rev. J. Dahlman, Jr., Emanuel's Ch., p. s.	15 00
	18.	"	" George Wolff, individual donation	20 00
Feb.	8.	"	Hanover Charge, per H. Wirt	25 00
		"	Rev. F. W. Kremer, Sen. Sabbath-school, 1st Church, Lebanon	56 59
	15.	"	John Wiest	100 00
		"	Rev. D. Ziegler, col. in charge	15 00
	22.	"	Loysville Union Missionary and Education Society, per G. Hoobaugh	12 00
		"	Rev. W. M. Deatrick, col. in charge	4 80
	29.	"	Junior Miss. Society, Zion's Ch., Rev. N. Gehr, p. s	20 00
March	15.	"	Rev. A. B. Shenkle, Trappe	20 00
	25.	"	Div. regular and extra, Harrisburg Bank	78 75
	29.	"	Mrs. Wm. Stamm	1 00
		"	Interest on Klopp Legacy, 1864	40 00
April	5.	"	Adam Good, Titusville	2 00
	12.	"	W. H. Seibert, Harrisburg	5 00
		"	Rev. J. G. Neuber, Bethlehem Ch	6 00
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	19.	"	Fem. Benev. Society, 1st Ch., Lebanon	35 00
	26.	"	Rev. A. S. Leinbach, col. in Swarzwald	27 00
		"	"Jesse," thank offering for escaping the "draft"	5 00
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		"	Mr. and Mrs. Apple, Baltimore	4 00
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	17.	"	per Rev. G. Wolff, from Mrs. Stamm	1 00
		"	Rev. J. Dahlman, Sen	6 00
	24.	"	" J. Kehm, Paradise charge	20 50
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Board of Education of the German Reformed Church, in account with SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Treasurer.*

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The undersigned committee, appointed by the Board of Visitors to audit the account of the Treasurer, have examined the same, and find it correct, as above stated. They find a balance in the hands of Dr. Fisher of $1,580.31.

F. A. RUPLEY,
Oct. 21, 1865. W. E. KREBS.

II. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary, to whom were referred the foregoing reports, together with a letter of the Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff, the request of the Classis of Philadelphia to supply the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg with a German Professor, and the request of the Classis of East Pennsylvania for the removal of the Theological Seminary to Philadelphia, reported. Their report was taken up item by item, amended and adopted. It is as follows:

The Committee on the Theological Seminary beg leave to report as follows:—

1. *The Report of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary.*

This report shows the financial condition of the Seminary to be good. The Treasurer's statement contains all the facts, and they need not be repeated here.

Bonds to the amount of $1,250 have been received for the Theological Library, and it is suggested by the Board that the Synod appoint a suitable person to disburse the interest arising from this fund.

The committee recommended the appointment of such a committee, to be composed of the Professors.

It is stated, in a paper from the President of the Board, that the Board of Franklin and Marshall College ordered, last July, the cancellation of the Seminary's indebtedness to that Board.

The fact is also stated that the Professors' houses require repairs, which will involve an expenditure of $1,000.

We recommend to the Synod to provide the above sum for the repairs specified.

On the Synodical apportionment account, there has been received, during the year, $101.46. The whole amount of Tercentenary money for the Seminary now reaches $16,238.20.

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In reference to the repairs needed on the Professors' houses, referred to in the above report, it was

Resolved, That the Trustees be authorized to have the needed repairs made, and that the Treasurer be instructed to meet the expenses as far as possible, from any surplus funds available, and authorized to borrow the amount required to cover the deficiency.

The Synod proceeded, in accordance with the last resolution contained in the report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary, to take immediate steps to have the German Professorship filled with a German Professor. The names of several persons were put in nomination. After some discussion, they were all withdrawn, except the name of the Rev. Pastor Adolph Krummacher, D. Ph. of Halberstadt. It was then

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, to consider, first of all, the name of the above candidate, and report the result to a special meeting of Synod, to be called by the President of Synod at the request of the committee.

This committee consists of the Rev. John F. Busche, John Külling, Benjamin Bausman, and Elders George Bachman and John Wiest.

The Rev. Prof. E. E. Higbee was unanimously elected, by acclamation, to the Professorship of Church History and Biblical Literature, which he now holds temporarily in the Theological Seminary.

The officers of Synod were instructed to make out the call to the Professor elect, and the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary were appointed to attend to his installation, in case he accept the Professorship.

The following resolution was offered, and referred to the Trustees of the Theological Seminary, with authority to effect the proposed consolidation of funds, when it becomes necessary:

Resolved, That the Theological Tutorship scheme, as heretofore established by this Synod, be merged into the Tercentenary Professorship, as instituted by the Synod at Lancaster, in 1864, and further, that the funds and obligations contributed to that scheme, and at present in the hands of the Treasurer of the Seminary, be set over to the completion of said Professorship.

III. ELECTION OF THE BOARDS CONNECTED WITH THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The following persons were chosen members of the Board of Trustees and Visitors of the Theological Seminary:—

Board of Trustees.—George Besore, Henry Ruby, Joshua Motter, David Zeller, George Cook, Daniel W. Gross, George Z. Kunkel, Adam B. Wingerd, Martin Rickenbaugh, James Cushwa, Stephen B. Kieffer, John W. Coon, John McDowell, William Heyser, John Zellers, and Samuel B. Snively, of the former Board, were retained. In

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sion House at Basel and St. Chrischona, near that city, with a view to procure Christian ministers for our German population. The Classis of New York, as reported by the same Committee, also requested Synod to procure more laborers for the German portion of our Church. In reference to these requests, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Inasmuch as the German portion of our Church is greatly in want of laborers in the vineyard of the Lord, and as no immediate prospects present themselves to obtain such from the Seminary, therefore

Resolved, That a committee of five ministers be appointed, who shall in the name and by order of the German Reformed Church, enter into correspondence with the Reformed ministers of the Wupperthal (Elberfeld and Bremen, Rhenish Prussia), the Mission House of Basel and St. Chrischona, near Basel, Switzerland, and the Reformed Pastoral Conferences of Germany and Switzerland, for the purpose of obtaining, through their instrumentalities, more laborers, either ordained ministers, or those who in part are prepared for the Gospel ministry, and could complete their course in our Theological Institution.

Resolved, That the Board of Beneficiary Education assist these men with means for the completion of their studies, and that the German pastors and congregations are requested to provide the means for this object.

Resolved, That the Board of Domestic Missions be requested to refund the travelling expenses of such men to the institution or society which sends them from the Fatherland, if they desire it.

The Rev. John Kuelling, Nicholas Gehr, Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart, John F. Busche, and Jacob Dahlman, Jr., were appointed the committee called for in the above resolutions.

The Classis of Philadelphia, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, earnestly iterates its request to Synod to make full provision for supplying the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg with a German Professor. This request was referred to the Committee in the Theological Seminary.

The Classis of East Pennsylvania, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requests Synod to consider the propriety of removing the Seminary from Mercersburg to Philadelphia. This request also was referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

The Classis of West Susquehanna, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, state that they are not aware of being delinquent as to the assessment for the benefit of the Theological Seminary. This statement was referred to the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

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By this large addition to the number of our missions, there has been imposed upon the Board a corresponding increase of liabilities. Last year the Treasurer reported the expenses of the Board to have been $6,226.44. Our obligations for the present year, even if no new missions should be commenced during this period, will amount to nearly $10,000. Has the Board been rash in assuming such a burden? Has its faith degenerated into presumption, in supposing that its strength will be equal to a load so largely and so suddenly increased? Has it reckoned with unreasonable confidence upon the ability or willingness of the Church, whose agent and almoner it is, to sustain it in the prosecution of these extended operations, and fully to meet these increased demands upon her Christian liberality? Will she cheer her servants by promptly furnishing the means required to honor these additional obligations, or will she rebuke them by refusing to second and support the work?

Instead of occupying space in this report with a detailed statement of all the missions now under our care, we shall limit our descriptions to new stations, and to facts of more special interest in regard to the older missions. The statistical table appended to this paper, renders any thing further than this superfluous.

Of the new missions assumed ten are located in Pennsylvania; two in New York; two in Indiana; two in Ohio; two in Wisconsin; one in Illinois; one in Virginia; one in Iowa; and one in North Carolina.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Pinegrove. This mission was established at the request of the Classis of Lebanon. It is located in the midst of an old and populous field, in the general charge of the Rev. John Gring, whose increasing years prevent him from performing all the labors which it requires. By supplying it with this reinforcement, it is hoped that losses already incurred may be repaired, further losses may be prevented, and the general interests of our churches in that important district may be revived. Difficult and delicate as the task is, of kindly harmonizing the common good, in such cases, with private feelings and supposed personal rights, it is the desire and aim of the Classis, and of the Board in its co-operation with that ecclesiastical body, to prosecute this work with due regard to both claims, and in a way which will best serve to promote the true interests of all concerned. The first year of the history of this mission has, naturally been one of peculiar trials; but it is hoped that the most serious obstacles to its success have been surmounted. Rev. J. C. J. Kurtz, Missionary.

St. Paul's, Philadelphia. In the South-west portion of the city, embracing a district of at least one square mile, there reside many German families, whose proper spiritual home is in our Church. Our nearest place of public worship is Salem, on St. John street below Green, from one and a half to three miles distant. The demand for an organization in their vicinity, was obvious and imperative. On exploring the section;

many persons were found, who earnestly desired that suitable provision might be made for them and their children. Yielding to the pressing necessities of the case, the Board engaged the services of the Licentiate J. C. Hauser, who was accordingly ordained for the work by the Classis of Philadelphia, in January last. A church edifice, previously occupied by another denomination at 17th and Fitzwater streets, was purchased at a moderate price, in which services and a Sunday School were at once commenced under the most favorable auspices. Through the efforts of Br. Hauser, and the liberality of a number of friends in the city, the building has been paid for, and there is good reason to believe, that with due support and care, the congregation thus auspiciously established will soon become one of the most flourishing German churches in the city.—Rev. J. C. Hauser, Missionary.

West Greenville, Mercer Co., Pa.—St. Paul's Classis, in the N. W. counties of Pennsylvania, has been energetically and successfully prosecuting its own missionary work, without the aid of the Board, and its special report appended to this paper shows how much even a feeble Classis can accomplish with proper system and zeal. But the demands of the field have multiplied beyond its ability, so that it has been compelled to seek help from the General Board. In extending this assistance W. Greenville has come under our care. The mission embraces three congregations, one in W. Greenville, another in Good Hope, and the third in Hart-town; all together numbering about 150 communicants. Considering the rapid growth of the central point of this mission, and the influence of so prosperous a town upon the surrounding country, the Brother who has charge of it feels greatly encouraged by the prospect of future success. Rev. C. R. Diffenbacher, Missionary.

Mahonoy city, Schuylkill Co., Pa. This mission, like that in Pingrove, was established in compliance with the wishes of the Classis of Lebanon, through the special efforts of the Rev. L. K. Derr of Tamaqua. It is situated in the vast coal region lying within the bounds of said Classis. No more important field for Christian effort claims our sympathy or demands our care. Such is the mixed character of the population drawn thither by the secular interests and operations of the district, that the predominant social tendencies are sadly unfavorable to morality and religion. It was felt, therefore, by the Board, that prompt advantage should be taken of the opportunity offered by the action of the Classis, to furnish at once the preaching of the Gospel, and the ministrations of Christianity to a section which so loudly called for both. Accordingly the Rev. D. W. Wolff was commissioned for Mahonoy, who continued to supply the field until recently, when he withdrew to make way for a brother, whose ability to minister in the German language would better enable him to meet its peculiar wants in this respect.

Bridesburg, Philadelphia This name has become familiar among us, as that of the location of our first Orphan Asylum. A congregation, however, had been organized there prior to the establishment of the

asylum, by the successful labors of the Rev. J. G. Neuber. But as the church was feeble, and yet its maintenance demanded, as well for the sake of the surrounding German population as for the youth collected in the asylum, the aid of the Board was sought in its support. The application was so strongly urged at the semi-annual meeting of the Board, that the aid desired was granted, and the congregation is now under our care. It is expected to become the nucleus around which other congregations, may be established, to constitute ere long a self-sustaining charge.—Rev. J. Gantenbein, Missionary.

Mantua, West Philadelphia. By the establishment of Emanuel's (German) Church in West Philadelphia, and the rapid growth of that section of the city, the importance of founding an English church there, became apparent to the Board. We were fully prepared, therefore, to respond favorably to an application for the commencement of operations there, made during the early part of the summer. The attendance from the first has been very encouraging, and a cheering result of the effort has been reached in the organization of a church with about twenty-five members, and of a Sunday School now numbering between sixty and seventy scholars, and well provided with teachers. All this has been accomplished at an expense of not more than fifty dollars. The Rev. A. G. Dole has been called to the pastoral charge of this new interest, and has signified his willingness to accept of the charge. An eligible lot of ground is about being purchased, and the congregation is making arrangements for the speedy erection of a suitable sanctuary.

Pittsburg German Church. Through the zealous efforts and liberality of the Rev. Father Kemmerer, a new attempt has been made to provide, in some small measure, for the wants of our long-neglected German brethren in Pittsburg. A congregation has been gathered, and is now regularly served by the Rev. Mr. Baumgartner. The mission is chiefly sustained by friends in that city; but as the number of members is not large, and consists mainly of persons in limited temporal circumstances, the assistance asked could not be refused. Some time may be required to make this feeble interest self-supporting. The aid extended, however, should be considered as a proper work of Christian charity. But little is asked, and it is felt that the moderate request should be cheerfully granted. And yet, though the planting may seem but a grain of mustard seed, who shall say that it will not grow into a great tree, in whose branches many a weary swallow shall find rest?

Williamsport, Pa. Although we have had a congregation in this place for some time, parochial changes which the Classis of West Susquehanna found it expedient to make, rendered some temporary missionary assistance necessary. This aid, it is thought, will not be required longer than one year. The expectation is, that we will then have a flourishing self-sustaining charge in this rapidly-growing city.

Hanover Charge, Lebanon Co., Pa. Similar parochial changes to those alluded to above, rendered like temporary aid necessary for this

field. As we have not yet received a report of its condition and prospects, nothing definite can be said in regard to it.

Shamokin, Pa. The brother who has been laboring zealously in this place without aid from the Board, has felt compelled to ask for a small appropriation during the present year, in consequence, especially, of the demands made upon his congregation by the erection of a suitable house of worship. In view of the circumstances, the Board felt that the request was reasonable, and that by granting it, an active and prosperous charge would be deservedly encouraged.

NEW YORK.

Ebenezer. This mission, begun a year ago, owes its origin to the labors of Mr. Kniest, of Buffalo. At the invitation of some members of the Reformed Church residing there, he visited the place, and found sufficient encouragement to urge them fully to organize themselves into a congregation. This was done, and the Rev. T. Grosshüsch, of Rochester, was called to the pastoral charge of the church. Under the ministrations of this brother, the good work is prospering through the blessing of the Lord. Cheering progress has been made during the year, and we have assurances that our work there will not be in vain. Immigration to the town and its vicinity is increasing, and there are prospects of the rapid growth of the congregation.

New York Harbor Mission. Among the thousands of Germans annually passing through the port of New York city, on their arrival in this country, there are many members of the Reformed Church. The duty and importance of meeting and welcoming such as brethren of a common faith, in a truly Christian manner; of providing them with some safeguards against the impositions often practised upon innocent and unsuspecting strangers, as well as against the temptations by which they are at once assailed; of aiding them in their search for homes and employments; and, above all, in directing them with reference to their future spiritual interests, had long been felt and frequently discussed. But nothing effective was done. There was a difficulty in procuring a suitable agent for so important a post, and the further difficulty, with our limited resources, of obtaining the requisite means for his support. At length an opportunity of providing in some good measure for this demand, seemed to offer itself. The Rev. J. P. Pfister, previously of Egg Harbor City, had made New York his residence; and believing that with a small appropriation from the Board, and such voluntary aid as he could otherwise collect, he might sustain himself, he consented to undertake the mission. He has attended to the duties of the past with diligence, and we believe that much good has been done. No immediate manifest result could be expected in the city itself. But, by Christian encouragement, counsel and direction, many immigrants have been cheered on their arrival, and directed to settlements where they would find the desired religious privileges provided for them. The missionary, however, has

been disappointed in his expectations of support beyond that appropriated by the Board. It must be decided by the Synod, therefore, whether this post shall be abandoned, or whether the sum necessary to sustain the mission shall be raised. There can be no doubt of its importance. Unless, however, some certain assurance is received, that the receipts of the Board will be greatly increased during the coming year, it will be vain to attempt a continuance of the work.

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Cleveland, Second German Church. By the blessing of the Lord, the labors of Brother H. J. Ruetenik in this city, have been so much prospered, as to render the establishment of a second church there necessary. An application for temporary aid was accordingly favored, and the enterprise has been flourishing under the care of the Rev. E. Bentzing. By this mission, begun under such favorable circumstances, our stakes are so strengthened in Cleveland, as to secure permanence to our operations there, and greatly cheer the hearts of those who but five years ago pitched our first tent in that beautiful city.

Lima. Although a mission in this place was commenced in July, 1863, and it is mentioned in the annual reports for that year and last year, it was virtually suspended by the resignation of Brother Rettig, last December. By its revival, therefore, and the appointment of the Rev. W. H. Fenneman in June of the present year, and especially in view of the different basis on which it is made to rest, it may fairly be classed among our new missions. "Lima has greatly increased in population during the past few years, and now contains about 4,000 inhabitants. Many of these are Germans. Two railroads pass through the town, and a third is in contemplation. In the machine-shops established there, many laborers are employed, whose religious wants need to be provided for." Since laboring there, Brother Fenneman, from whose letters the above facts have been gathered, feels encouraged by the prospects opening before him. Public worship is now held in a small Presbyterian Church rented for that purpose, which, it is thought, may be purchased for a more moderate sum than would be required to build a new edifice. Services are also held regularly in the adjacent village of Westminster.

INDIANA.

Crothersville. The Classis of Indiana is prosecuting the work of missions within its limits with most commendable assiduity, and seizing every opportunity of supplying destitutions. Accordingly, an opening having presented itself in Crothersville, in the western middle part of the State, measures were immediately taken to have it occupied, and furnished with the stated ministrations of the Gospel. The Rev. C. Pluess, formerly of Arnheim, was induced to take charge of the field, and at the request of Classis, was taken under the care of the Board. Soon after entering the field, however, it pleased the Lord to subject

his faith to a severe trial by a protracted illness, which has sorely interrupted his labors. Let us not doubt, however, that this affliction will be overruled for good, both to the afflicted brother and his charge, and that this temporary hindrance will subserve greater prosperity in the future.

Exploring Agency for Western and Southern Indiana. The Classis of Indiana, having learned that many members of the Church were scattered over the large territory included within their ecclesiastical limits, and that if these were visited, gathered together, and encouraged, a number of congregations might be organized, and pastoral charges gradually formed, resolved to appoint a general missionary for this extensive field, if some assistance in his support could be obtained from our Board. Their request received our earnest consideration. Past experience in such an effort, taught lessons of caution, and it was felt that the matter should not be hastily undertaken. From the representations made, however, it was believed that as this mission was to be pursued upon a new plan, it might be safely undertaken. Instead of merely exploring the field, and by a single visit awakening expectations which might not be realized, the missionary is to constitute a regular supply of points of interest which may be discovered, until they are furnished with a stationed pastor. The Rev. George Long, of Indianapolis, has been diligently prosecuting this work since last April, and we have expectations of good results from his labors. The hope and prospect are, that by this instrumentality many congregations may be organized in sections of the State long neglected by our Church.

ILLINOIS.

Chicago. Long impressed with the importance of having a representative of our Church in this great metropolis of the North-west, and frequently urged to attempt the establishment of a mission here, the Board, at its last semi-annual meeting, was led to delegate the Rev. S. Philips to visit the place, and ascertain whether the attempt might not now be made. In this action, however, the mind of the Board was almost exclusively directed to the establishment of an English interest. The result of the visit, so far as the prominent object was concerned, proved a failure. There seems to be no opening for an English branch of our Church in that city; consequently no call for such an effort there. But the Lord had nevertheless prepared work for us. About the time arrangements were made for the visit of Brother Philips, letters were received from different sources, notifying us that there were many Germans of the Reformed faith in Chicago, who desired to unite with the Church. Through the self-denying zeal of Bro. Winter, in Milwaukie, these brethren were visited and encouraged in their longings; and with the co-operation of Bro. Philips, the way was opened for gratifying their wishes. As the history and result of this highly interesting movement, under the pastoral supervision of the Rev. V. Küwler, has so recently been published in

the periodicals of the Church, it is not necessary that details should be given in this report.

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Milwaukie. It is gratifying to the Board to report, as it will undoubtedly be to the Synod to hear, that, in this city, only second in importance to Chicago, a new mission has been commenced, under very favorable circumstances, and that we have secured for it the services of so faithful and efficient a fellow-laborer as the Rev. H. A. Winter. Some may remember with regret the unavoidable contingencies which caused the failure of an earlier attempt to provide for the spiritual wants of such in Milwaukie as had claims upon our sympathy and aid. Probably we suffered ourselves at that time to be too easily discouraged by upspringing difficulties, or the want of speedy success. More faith and liberality might have secured a very different result, and have ere this rewarded us with a flourishing and self-sustaining congregation. But it is hoped and believed, that whatever may have been lost by that failure, and subsequent delay to renew the attempt, the mission is now resumed with much more favorable prospects. All acquainted with the relative location of Milwaukie, and with the extent and character of its own population, must feel both that we ought to have a church there, and that, with proper perseverance and the judicious application of the requisite means, we can succeed in establishing one. This once accomplished, the way is fully opened for extension from that important central point. This mission, equally with that in Chicago, needs a suitable sanctuary; and we commend the appeals it makes for help to build one, to the liberal consideration of the Church.

Waukeesha. In compliance with an application for some temporary aid to this new charge, under the pastoral care of the Rev. N. Ruetenik, a small appropriation was made. As brother R., has been absent on a visit to Germany during the summer, and his place was supplied by ministers living adjacent to the field, no recent report of its condition has been received.

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Clifton. This mission is in part the fruits of the labors of the Rev. J. Riale, now located in Tipton, Iowa. The best evidence of the success of the missionary, Rev. J. H. Buser, in this field, is furnished by the fact, that it is already on the eve of becoming self-sustaining, so that after the close of the current quarter, no further assistance will be required.

VIRGINIA.

Shepherdstown. Among the mournful effects of the sanguinary war caused by the recent rebellion, none can be more sad than the desolations visited upon Zion in those portions of the country, which became the *actual fields of conflict.* Sanctuaries defiled and desecrated, and

congregations rent and dismembered, bear witness to the horrors attendant upon such civil hostilities. Churches once vigorous and flourishing, and both able and willing to furnish their share of means for the advancement of the kingdom of the Lord, are left impoverished, and compelled to solicit alms at sources which they formerly helped to supply. Such are the reverses of temporal circumstances, and such the admonitory change of relative condition which may come upon us as a punishment of our sins, or a trial of our faith and patience. But when such reverses do overtake those who have once seen happier and better days, it is the unquestionable duty of those more highly favored, to give their afflicted brethren certain assurances of sincere sympathy, and to render them such assistance as may be sought or needed. These facts and views find a ready illustration in the case of the church in Shepherdstown; and they serve at the same time to supply the reasons which weighed with the Board in extending missionary aid to this old and long-established congregation. Enfeebled and disheartened by the lamentable effects of the rebellion, the surviving members were forced to look to the mother's larder for food. We could not, and did not turn a hard heart or a deaf ear to the appeal. And we have cause to feel assured, that the small amount of temporary aid rendered, will not only help to keep a congregation from hopelessly sinking, but will serve the still better purpose of a pledge of our own good will, and our desire to have their's cordially restored. The Rev. H. Wissler is laboring successfully in this field, and is confident that the church there will soon again regain vigorous health and strength.

NORTH CAROLINA.

After a long interruption of ecclesiastical correspondence with our brethren in North Carolina, tidings have recently reached us of the condition of our Church in that distant section. Whilst these report the remarkable preservation of our interests there, notwithstanding the fiery trials through which they have passed, they nevertheless exhibit the congregations as being in a suffering and impoverished state. The brethren, therefore, turn to us for help. Unless they receive it, their missionary operations must be suspended. The Board accordingly resolved, at its late meeting, to make an appropriation for the relief of their more pressing necessities, until the increase of our exhausted means shall enable us to extend more liberal aid. We thus at least prove our sincere sympathy with those struggling brethren, and our disposition to divide with them the burdens under which they are now bowed down.

THE OLDER MISSIONS.

Of the older missions under our care, two have become self-sustaining during the past year, viz., Danville, Schuylkill Haven, and a third as just stated, has reported itself ready to dispense with further aid after the close of the current quarter, viz:—Clifton Iowa, under the

charge of the Rev. J. H. Buser. Still another, Louisville, under the care of that indefatigable worker, Bro. Max Stern, has not only volunteered a reduction of the sum heretofore paid to it, from $250 to $150, but has diminished this amount by contributing during the year, to our cause, the handsome sum of $90, thus outstripping by its liberality, many of our older and much wealthier congregations. Still another, the mission in charge of Bro. F. Fox, has recently given effective expression of its gratitude to God, in permitting it to carry to successful completion the building and dedication of a sanctuary, by presenting, as a thank-offering to the Lord, the sum of $70 to the cause. Other Missions, have not been unmindful of the precept: "Freely ye have received, freely" give, and according to their several abilities, have gathered and sent in similar memorials of their gratitude. And although the separate sums thus given have been small in themselves, they amount in the aggregate to $330,70, a sum nearly equal to the amount contributed to the cause but a few years ago by the entire Church, and reaching five per cent., on the present annual investment of the Church in the cause.

The erection of churches, in several of our missions, forms another interesting item in the history of our work during the past year. In the case of many, the want of proper sanctuary accommodations is found a most serious hindrance to their growth and prosperity. Usually founded in the midst of communities, whose population is accustomed to judge of things by the sight of the eye, and to associate ideas of reality and permanence with substantial religious edifices, infant congregations which are compelled to hold their worship in incommodious and secluded halls, must toil at an immense disadvantage. Those, therefore, which attain to the possession of their own sanctuary, built of solid material, presenting an inviting front, and affording a comfortable spiritual house, feel that they have been permitted to achieve a great result. Their gladness exceeds that of those who shout with the joy of the harvest, of those who rejoice because their wine and their oil have increased.—Such is the joy of the missions in Doylestown and Harrisburg, in St. Stephen's, Philada., all of which have been permitted during the last summer and the present Fall, to celebrate with appropriate solemnities the consecration of holy temples to the service and honor of the triune Jehovah. Oh! how pleasing, and how touching to hear these several flocks, praising the Lord with songs of gratitude, and saying: "The sparrow hath found a house for herself, and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young. How lovely are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!"

Other missions have similar edifices in course of erection, or are making arrangements for securing them during the coming season, the successful issue of which, we trust, may be reported at the next annual rendering of our accounts. These facts are especially cheering, as furnishing the best evidence of healthy vitality and zeal. At the same time, they must not be taken as indications of such increase of temporal *ability, as might be thought* to place such missions above the

need of material aid. In the case of some of them, the reverse of this is the fact. Their very poverty and weakness, compel them to go forward in this direction, by the necessities of self-preservation. And constrained by these necessities to undertake what they, in themselves, are unable to accomplish, they extend imploring hands to the Church at large, and entreat those blessed with ample means, to furnish the wood and the stone, the lime and the pitch, and whatever else may be required to enable them to complete the work. But as the claims of this department of Church beneficence will be brought up under a separate head of this Report, we add no more here.

From the *Statistical Table*, which has been prepared as an accompaniment to this Report, and which presents our operations in a condensed view, several significant facts may be derived, well deserving consideration. One is the ever-widening extent of the field. Gradually we are throwing our cords further out over the distant frontiers of the Union. At the same time, we are greatly strengthening the centres of the Church, and particularly by investing metropolitan points. Advantage has promptly been taken of openings heretofore vainly looked for, securing a place and a name, in such important localities. Another interesting item, is the fact that of the 51 missions, now under our care, 31 are exclusively German, whilst but 9 are exclusively English, although there is not the same disproportion between the sums expended on each respectively. It may also be noted, that 24 of all the missions are located in the bounds of the Western Synod, the Board, thereby, showing proper willingness and zeal, in aiding that section of the Church.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Accompanying this document is the Treasurer's Report. The great length to which this important paper has attained, is a cheering proof, in a most matter of fact form, of the rapid increase of our operations. It exhibits our receipts to have reached the sum of $8885. 29, and a balance on hand of $233. 27. This document not only brings to view most pleasant facts, but also reveals some humiliating secrets, in reference to the slowness of some portions of the Church, to come up to the measure of plain duty in regard to our work. We leave the members of Synod, and the Brethren generally, to examine and study the document, with this point in view.

CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

On this branch of our operations, we submit the following statement prepared by the Treasurer of the Church Extension Fund:

Philadelphia, October 14th, 1865.

The second year's operations of the Church Extension Board now closes. That this cause, as far as direct operations through the *Board* are concerned, is yet in its infancy, will be seen by the following facts:

Out of the amount reported received, $10,111.37 only $247.29 was received directly; the residue was collected by our missionaries and their friends. This, however, answers the purpose fully as well. All that the *Treasurer* needs is a receipt from the party to whom the money has been paid.

The following charges only have sent money directly for this object. Rev. Weiser, Beck, J. E. Hiester, M. Bachman, S. M. K. Huber, J. S. Herman, and S. H. Giesy, and the following individuals Elder W. H. Seibert, H. W. Hoffman, and "A. S." Chambersburg.

Doubtless we are all agreed, that the great work of our Church is that of Domestic Missions. Ministers and means are our great and urgent wants. Ministers to supply the vast field that our Church ought to occupy, and means to support them. But when we do this, our work is far from done. We want church accommodations; and here comes the necessity for the work precisely this Board is to perform, giving to the needy missionary congregations as they are organized, the required means to build churches. Without such help, or agency, our progress in extending our blessed Redeemer's kingdom will be slow. No missionary, if ever so devoted, earnest and faithful, can well gather a large congregation and keep it together without some sort of a church edifice. And it is a well known fact, that comparatively few missionary congregations have the means within themselves to provide suitable church accommodations. How then are they to have churches? There can be only one answer—the help must come from those who are blessed with churches and means enabling them to assist their brethren who are not so blessed.

Give to that very faithful and efficient missionary, Rev. H. A. Winter, *Milwaukie*, the funds he must have to aid his people to build a suitable church, and a large prosperous congregation will soon be gathered.

So precisely with the enterprise recently commenced in Chicago. The Missionary Rev. Mr. Künzler, came to us most highly recommended. Let our Church furnish the means Chicago calls for; the means Milwaukie asks for, and the means the Board needs to carry on the work of Church Extension vigorously, and our hearts will be cheered and gladdened with the result.

The Board during the last year could only respond in part, to one of the many earnest calls for help. Shall this continue? We commend this very important cause prayerfully to the favorable consideration and liberality of the entire Reformed Church.

J. WIEST,
Treasurer.

The Board begs leave to submit the following items to Synod, for its special consideration, and asks such counsel in reference to them, as may enable us to pursue the best course in regard to them:

1. The claims of the German Mission in Chicago.
2. The establishment of a Port Missionary in New York city.
3. The consolidation of the Eastern and Western Boards into on Board under the General Synod.
4. The action of the Classis of Mercersburg in devoting all its mi sionary funds to the completion of the church in Altoona.
5. A request from members of the congregation in Allentown, P for the organization of an exclusively English Mission Church in th place.

And now that we have been permitted to make such cheering pr gress, let us enter upon the duties of another year with fresh fait encouragement and zeal. Only let it not be thought, that we ha reached the goal in the attainments achieved. Rather let it be entrance upon a new studium of the missionary race, through whi we will pursue the high aim set before us with a degree of activi and energy, which, forgetting the past, is only intent upon pressi forward with firmer faith and more glowing zeal on the course befo us, that we may joyfully share at last in the glorious consummati which shall be reached when "The kingdoms of this world are becor the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ; and He shall reign fo ever and ever." Amen.

Respectfully submitted.
J. H. A. BOMBERGER, *President.*

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

NAME.	PLACE.	BEGUN.	APPROPRIAT'N.	LANGUAGE.	DATE OF COMMISSION.
Accola, O. J.	Freeport, Ill.	Nov., 1862.		German.	Nov. 1, 1865.
Bachman, M.	Baltimore, 5th Ch.	July, 1864.	$100	do.	July 1, 1864.
Baumgartner, John.	Pittsburg, Pa.	Oct., 1865.	100	do.	October 1, 1865.
Bentzing, M.	Cleveland, O.	Jan'y, 1865.	100	do.	January 1, 1855.
Brecht, J. J.	Sauk City, Wis.	April, 1861.	150	do.	January 1, 1365.
Brasch, J. E. W.	Rochester, N. Y.	October, 1857.	250	do.	March 1, 1865.
Buser, J. H.	Clifton, Iowa.	April, 1865.	200	English.	April 1, 1865.
Cast, C.	Detroit, Mich.	Nov., 1860.	300	German.	Nov. 1, 1860.
Cort, C.	Altoona, Pa.	June, 1863.	300	English.	June 1, 1863.
Dahlman, J.	Glassboro', N. J.	October, 1862.	150	German	July 1, 1863.
Derr, L. K.	Mahanoy.	Oct., 1865.	100	do.	October 1, 1865.
Dieffenbacher. C. R.	West Greenville, Pa.	March, 1865.	300	Mixed.	March 1, 1865.
Dole, A. G.	Mantua, Philada.		1000	English.	
	N. Holland.			English.	
Eichen, J.	Crestline, O.		60	German.	
Fenneman, W. H.	Lima, Allen Co., O.	June, 1865.	200	Mixed.	June 1, 1865.
Fox, Frederick.	Harrisburg, Pa.	Dec., 1863.	400	do.	December 1, 1863.
Gantenbein, J.	Bridesburg, Phila.	April, 1865.	200	German.	, 1865.
Gilpin, Wm.	Hickory Creek, Ill.	Nov., 1863.	100	English.	Nov. 1, 1863.
Groeshüsch, T.	Ebenezer, N. Y.	Oct., 1864.	125	German.	October 1, 1864.
Gutelius, S.	Lykenstown, Pa.	May, 1864.	150	Mixed.	May 1, 1864.
Hibschman, H. H. W.	Shamokin, Pa.	Oct., 1865.		do.	October 1, 1865.
Hiester, Eli E.	Hanover Charge, Pa.	May, 1865.		German.	May 1, 1865.
Hauser, J. C.	Philadelphia, Pa.	Dec., 1864.	400	do.	December 1, 1864.
Jörris, P.	Sturgis, Mich.	Jnne, 1864.	100	do.	June 1, 1864.
Künzler, F.	Chicago, Ill.	July, 1865.	600	do.	July 1, 1865.
Kluge, J. T.	Sheboygan, Wis.	Sept., 1858.	50	do.	Sept. 1, 1858.
Kroh, D.	Three Rivers, Mich.	Jan., 1864.	100	Mixed.	January 1, 1864.
Kurtz, J. C. J.	Pinegrove, Pa.	Nov., 1864.	500	German.	Nov. 1, 1864.
Leinbach, A. S.	Hamburg, Pa.	May, 1864.	50	do.	May 1, 1864.
Lohr, O.	Rahway, N. J.	June, 18 9.	100	do.	June 1, 1859.
Long, G.	Southern Indiana.	April, 1865.	250	Mixed.	April 1, 1865.
Mease, S.	Cincinnati, O.	April, 1856.	500	English.	April 1, 1856.
North Carolina.		Oct., 1865.	100	do.	
Pfister, J. P.	New York City, N. Y.	Jan., 1865.	300	German.	January 1, 1865.
Pluess, C.	Crothersville, Ind.	Jan., 1865.	150	do.	January 1, 1865.
Püchelstein, A. v.	Egg Harbor C'y., N. J.	April, 1862.	300	do.	July 1, 1864.
Rettig, G.	Lima, O.	July, 1863.	100	Mixed.	July 1, 1863.
Riale, J.	Tipton, Iowa.	Jan., 1859.	200	English.	January 1, 1859.
Romich, A.	Philadelphia, Pa.	Feb., 1863.	600	German.	February 1, 1863.
Ruetenik, N.	Waukeesha, Wis.	March, 1865.	75	do.	March 1, 1865.
Schwartz, P. A.	Greenfield Mass.	Oct., 1862.	200	do.	October 1, 1862.
Stern, Max.	Louisville, Ky.	Jan., 1862.	150	do.	January 1, 1862.
Stein, J. P.	Schuylkill Hav'n, Pa.	Jan., 1862	150	Mixed.	October 1, 1854.
Steiner, J. M.	New Brunswick, N. J.	Jan., 1863.	150	German.	January 1, 1865.
Weisz, I. S.	Williamsport, Pa.	Oct., 1865.	400	Mixed.	October 1, 1865.
Winter, H. A.	Milwaukie, Wis.	Jan., 1865.	400	German.	January 1, 1865.
Wissler, H.	Shepherdstown, Va.	Nov., 1864.	100	English.	Nov. 1, 1864.
Wittenwieler, W.	Watertown, Wis.	Oct., 1861.	100	German.	October 1, 1864.
Wöhler, E. H. T.	Appleton, Wis.	July, 1864.	100	do.	July 1, 1864.
Yearick, W. R.	Doylestown, Pa.	Jan., 1859.	250	Mixed.	December 1, 1860.
	Evansville, Ind.			German.	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Board of Domestic Missions of the German Reformed Church in account with CHARLES SANTEE, *Treasurer.*

1864.		CR.	
Oct.	20.	By Balance in Treasury	$1,328 94
	22.	By cash from Rev. D. Y. Heisler, Bethlehem, Pa., Harvest Collection in his charge	31 24
	"	" Rev. J. Steiner, Tercentenary offerings from the Glade charge, Md	50 00
	"	" Rev. W. F. Colliflower, Tercentenary offerings from Jefferson charge, $8; collection, $5	13 00
	27.	" " Rev. J. Ault, Mechanicsburg, Pa	11 00
	"	" " N. E. Gilds, St. Clairsville, Pa	11 00
	28.	" " per W. A. Wilt, Tr. of Zion's Classis, from Rev. G. E. Addams, St. Peter's congregation	3 37
	"	" per Rev. W. F. Kremer, from Rev. B. Bausman, 1st Ch., Reading	15 00
Oct.	28.	" " Rev. W. A. Helfrich, Tercentenary offerings from his charge	94 90
	"	" Rev. W. T. Gerhard, collected in his charge	9 20
	"	" per F. W. Kremer, from Rev. Geo. Wolff, collected in Womelsdorf cong	50 00
	"	" Collection at Anniversary meeting at L.	50 00
	31.	" " per Rev. J. Beck, from Rev. W. R. Hofford, South Whitehall, Pa	5 27
	"	" per Rev. S. H. Giesy, from V. S. Brunner, Tercentenary offerings, Reformed Church, Frederick, Md	16 00
Nov.	4.	" " Rev. A. J. G. Dubbs, Allentown, Pa., part of harvest collections in his charge	65 93
	"	" Rev. Abraham Bartholomew, Lehighton, Pa., harvest collections in his charge	19 75
	7.	" " Rev. J. G. Fritchey, Taneytown, Md	12 35
	"	" " W. M. Deatrick, collected in Friends' Cove, $10; Bloody Run, $2.82	12 82
	"	" Rev. P. S. Fisher, part of pledge at Synod	20 00
	"	" Rev. E. Erb, Danville, N. Y	3 00
	14.	" " " W. R. Hofford, Allentown, Pa., Harvest collection in his charge	38 00
	16.	" " Rev. P. P. A. Hoffman, Oley, Pa., collected in Fredericksburg cong	13 83
	17.	" " Rev. L. K. Derr, Tamaqua, from St. John's and Zion's Missionary Society, $25; St. John's cong., $30	55 00
	19.	" " per Rev. J. O. Miller, dividend on 25 shares York Bank stock, Mrs. M. Spangler's legacy	75 00
		Carried forward	$2,004 60

1864.		Amount brought forward	$2,004	60
Nov. 19.		By cash from Rev. J. O. Miller, collection in his congregation, and appropriated to Trinity Chapel	163	00
	22.	" " per Mr. Joseph Young, from the Missionary Society of the Reformed congregation, Allentown, to make a L.M.	30	00
		" " per Rev. J. Dahlman, from Emanuel's congregation, West Philadelphia, to make a L. M	30	00
Dec.	1.	" " per Rev. J. Beck, Tercentenary offering from his charge	60	00
	8.	" " Rev. J. W. Love, Water street, communion collections	27	25
		" " Rev. J. E. Hiester, per F. W. Kremer, collected in his charge	37	80
		" " per Rev. W. F. Kremer, Tr. of Lebanon Classis	13	55
		" " Rev. H. Wagner, Orwigsburg, Pa	1	50
		" " per Rev. T. G. Apple, from Miss C. Gross	10	00
		" " Rev. H. H.W. Hibschman, Shamokin, Pa.	10	50
	14.	" " " P. Jörris, Sturgis, Mich	9	08
	16.	" " J. A. Mertz, Tr. of West Susquehanna Classis, from Rev. H. Wiegand, Nippenose charge	10	00
		" " Rev. J. K. Millet, Nittany charge	5	00
		" " " L. C. Edmonds, Adamsburg charge	5	00
		" " " S. Kuhn, Aaronsburg "	3	90
		" " " H. C. Heyser, Liverpool "	5	00
		" " " A. R. Hottenstine, Selinsgrove "	5	00
		" " " C. H. Leinbach, Tercentenary offerings	41	00
	21.	" " Rev. J. Ziegler, collected in Arendtsville congregation	12	55
	22.	" " per Rev. J. Beck, Tr. East Pennsylvania Classis, from Rev. Cyrus J. Becker, collected in Howertown congregation	15	00
	31.	" " per W. A. Wilt, Tr. Zion's Classis, Tercentenary offerings from Rev. G. E. Addams, $16.18; Rev. D Ziegler, $36.50; Rev. J. Ziegler, $31.60; Rev. S. Philips, $41.50; Rev. W. F. P. Davis, $52; Rev. W. C. Bennet, $9.10	186	88
1865.				
Jan.	4.	" " interest on $1,000 North Penna. R. R. bond	27	00
		" " John Wiest and family, Christ Church	500	00
	5.	" " per F. W. Kremer, Tr. Lebanon Classis, from Rev. J. E. Hiester, collected in Annville S. S	8	00
		" " Rev. I. K. Loos, communion collections, Lower Mt. Bethel, $13.17; Upper Mt. Bethel, $38.95	52	12
		" " per F. W. Kremer, Tr. Lebanon Classis, from Rev. A. S. Leinbach, collected in Michael's Ch	87	00
		Carried over	$3,810	78

1865.		Amount brought over	$3,310 73
Jan.	6.	By cash per Rev. J. Dahlman, from Emanuel's Sabbath School, West Philadelphia, to make Christ. G. Gross a L. M.	30 00
	10.	" " per Rev. J. G. Wiehle, from Children's Mission of Salem's Reformed Sunday School	13 00
	11.	" " Rev. George Wolff, Myerstown, Pa.	30 00
		" " per " " collected in Myerstown congregation, to make L. M.	60 00
	12.	" " per Rev. J. Beck, Tr. East Pennsylvania Classis, from Rev. George B. Dechant, collected in Hamilton charge	26 00
		" " per Dr. Fisher, from Rev. I. K. Loos, Tercentenary offerings (additional)	8 75
		" " Rev. O. Lohr, Rahway, N. J.	7 00
		" " " F. A. Gast, New Holland, Pa.	3 36
		" " " M. Stern, Louisville, Ky.	16 75
		" " " J. Dahlman, Glassboro, N. J.	4 35
		" " " T. Grosshüsch, Ebenezer, N. Y.	12 40
	18.	" " " J. G. Wiehle, from Salem's Reformed congregation Missionary Society, to make Mrs. Catharine Neiffer a L. M	30 00
	31.	" " Rev. J. C. Henneman, Beavertown, Ohio,	5 00
		" " " H. H. W. Hibschman, collected in St. Peter's Church	13 60
Feb.	3.	" " L. H. Steiner, M. D., Frederick City, Md	30 00
	8.	" " G. W. Hensel, Tr. St. Paul's ch., Quarryville	9 35
	9.	" " German Reformed Congregation, Race street, collected on the Systematic Benevolence Plan	50 25
		" " H. W. Hoffman, per Dr. Fisher	1 00
		" " per Rev. F. W. Kremer, per Dr. Fisher, from Rev. J. P. Stein, Schuylkill Haven	11 25
		" " Miss C. Rauch, Greencastle, Pa.	5 00
		" " per Henry Wirt, from Hanover, Penna., charge	75 00
		" " Rev. F. W. Kremer, Infant Sabbath School, Lebanon, $28.12; Monthly Concert collection, $19.30	47 42
	10.	" " R. F. Kelker, German Reformed congregation, Harrisburg, in redemption of pledge at Synod	100 00
	14.	" " per Rev. N. Gehr, from German Reformed congregation, New York, to make N. Ebert a L. M	30 00
		" " per George Hoobaugh, Green Park, Pa., from the Loysville Miss. and Ed. Society, Landisburg, Pa	26 00
	21.	" " Rev. H. Wissler, Shepherdstown, Va.	13 00
		Carried forward	$3,964 22

1865.			Amount brought forward	$3,964 22
Feb.	22.	By cash from	Rev. Wm. Gilpin, Hickory Creek, Ill.	10 00
	22.	" "	" Wm. M. Deatrick, Friends' Cove charge	10 00
		" "	Rev. T. C. Leinbach, Womelsdorf, Pa.	14 65
		" "	" " " for English Mission, Cincinnati, Ohio	11 92
		" "	Rev. J. Hassler, collected in Shippensburg congregation	9 00
March	1.	" "	Sarah A. Benner, Pottstown, Pa.	2 00
		" "	Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Danville, Pa., refunded from last year's appropriation	50 00
	2.	" "	interest on $1,000 10-40 bonds and premium	49 25
	3.	" "	German Reformed congregation, Race street, collection on the Systematic Benevolence plan	26 00
	4.	" "	A friend of Home Missions	1 50
	14.	" "	German Reformed congregation, Rochester, N. Y.	8 50
	16.	" "	per Rev. J. Dahlman, from Emanuel's congregation, West Philadelphia, to make four L. M.	120 00
	16.	" "	per Rev. Dr. Fisher, from Rev. J. W. Hoffmeier, collected in Manchester, Md.,	20 00
		" "	per Rev. Dr. Fisher, from R. Bosshard	5 00
		" "	" " J. C. J. Kurtz, Pinegrove, Pa.	9 25
	21.	" "	Rev. J. Riale, Tipton, Iowa	15 00
	25.	" "	per Rev. George Wolff, from Mrs. Wm. Stamm, Host Church, Pa.	1 00
	28.	" "	Rev. F. A. Gast, New Holland, Pa.	3 00
	30.	" "	per Samuel Brant, Tr. Limerick Church Missionary Society	8 00
	31.	" "	German Reformed congregation, Race street, collected on the Systematic Benevolence plan	5 50
April	3.	" "	W. H. Seibert, Harrisburg, Pa.	5 00
		" "	Rev. I. E. Graeff, Millersville, Pa.	14 20
	15.	" "	" P. Jörris, Sturgis, Mich.	2 00
	21.	" "	per Rev. Sam'l Mease, Cincinnati, Ohio, from Church of the Cross, $12.50; Sunday School, $25	37 50
		" "	Rev. Max Stern, Louisville, Ky.	20 00
	22.	" "	per Joseph Young, from the Missionary Society of the Reformed congregation, Allentown, Pa., to make a L. M.	30 00
	28.	" "	Rev. F. W. Kremer, from Mrs. Mary A. Greenawalt, Tr. Fem. Ben. Society	35 00
		" "	per Mr. John Wiest, from Rev. M. A. Smith, Hummelstown, Pa., charge	20 00
		" "	per John Wiest, from Christ Church, Green street, Phila., collected on the Systematic Benevolence plan	300 00
		" "	Rev. John Beck, Easton, Pa., from male members of his congregation	78 80
			Carried over	$4,876 0

1865.		Amount brought over		$4,876 00
May	5.	By Cash from A friend of missions, Middletown, Md...		2 00
	6.	" "	per Rev. W. R. Hofford, Allentown, Pa., communion collection in his charge...	45 25
		" "	per Rev. M. Bachman, Baltimore, Md., part of a collection in his congregation, $7; and a thank offering, $2.	9 00
	8.	" "	Rev. J. E. W. Brasch, Rochester, N. Y..	4 00
	13.	" "	" H. Wissler, Shepherdstown, Va.....	7 50
	16.	" "	per Rev. N. Gehr, from the Juvenile Missionary Society, Zion's congregation, Phila., to make a L. M.....	30 00
	22.	" "	per Rev. S. R. Fisher, D.D., from Rev. I. K. Loos, communion collection in his charge.....	44 22
	24.	" "	Rev. J. B. Kniest, Buffalo, N. Y.....	12 67
		" "	Mr. Wm. Stamm, Host Church.....	1 00
		" "	Rev, J. Kehm, Paradise charge.....	30 00
	29,	" "	per Rev. J. O. Miller, dividend on twenty-five shares York Bank stock, Mrs. Margaret Spangler's legacy.....	62 50
June	6.	" "	per Rev. J. Külling, Baltimore, Md., from a member of his congregation, **who escaped the military draft.....**	**5 00**
	9.	" "	per Rev. Joseph W. Santee, Cavetown, Md., collected in his charge.....	30 00
	12.	" "	per Rev. N. Gehr, proceeds of three gold rings, from Rev. P. Jörris, Sturgis, Wis.....	9 00
		" "	per Rev. N. Gehr, from Zion's congregation, for Mission Institute, Sheboygan, Wis.....	13 00
		" "	Rev. J. M. Titzel, Emmitsburg, Md.....	13 20
	13.	" "	per Dr. Bomberger, from Rev. A. B. Shenkel, collected in Trappe charge..	40 00
	17.	" "	per John Wiest, from Christ Church, Green street, collected on the Systematic Ben. plan	200 00
	19.	" "	Sunday School Missionary Society, Race street congregation, to make a L. M..	30 00
	21.	" "	Rev. J. Külling, 4th Church, Baltimore..	8 00
		" "	per Rev. H. Mosser, from E. Goodzeit....	10 00
		" "	Rev. W. M. Deatrick, Friends' Cove.....	6 50
		" "	Mrs. Harriet P. Deatrick, "	5 00
		" "	Rev. W. E. Krebs, Waynesboro charge..	20 00
		" "	Mrs. Simon Rupley, Greencastle, Pa.....	5 00
		" "	Rev. T. Fouse, James' Creek.....	25 00
		" "	per Rev. F. W. Kremer, Tr. Lebanon Classis, from First Church, Reading, Pa.....	115 50
		" "	Rev. A. S. Leinbach, collected in Hamburg.....	10 00
		" "	Rev. J. Kline, Schuylkill Haven.....	24 13
		" "	J. T., Montgomery Station.....	15 00
		" "	Rev. L. K. Derr, Miss. and Ed. Society, Tamaqua, Pa.....	20 00
		Carried forward		$5,728 [illegible]

1865.		Amount brought forward		$5,728 57
June	22.	By cash from	Samuel Buck, Tr. Jacob's congregation, Berrysburg	10 00
	24.	" "	D. C. Hammond, from the Reformed congregation, Hagerstown, Md., to make H. K. Tice a L. M	40 00
	26.	" "	Rev. Wm. Gilpin, Hickory Creek, Ill.	4 00
	27.	" "	per Rev. J. Dahlman, from Emanuel Sabbath School, West Phila., to make a L. M	30 00
	28.	" "	per. Dr. Fisher, from Daniel Graeff, Kutztown, Berks county, Pa	10 00
		" "	per Rev. A.R. Kremer, in part payment of L. M., from Mrs. L. Smith and children, $5; Mrs. E. Kay, $1; Miss J. Kay, $1; Yellow Creek congregation; collection in Pattonville, $7.25; A. Haderman, $10	24 25
July	5.	" "	per Rev. F. W. Kremer, from Rev. J. P. Stein, Schuylkill Haven, $5.75; Fredericksburg, $5.75, towards making D. Small a L. M	11 50
	7.	" "	Rev. E. Erb, part of collection at Classis	5 00
		" "	per Rev. J. G. Neuber, from Bethlehem Reformed Sunday School, to make Jacob Kaes a L. M	30 00
		" "	Six months' interest on $1,000 N. P. R. R. bond	27 00
	8.	" "	per Rev. N. S. Aller, from Pleasantville congregation, $23.55; Sunday school, $6.45, to make a L. M	30 00
		" "	per Rev. N. S. Aller, from St. Peter's congregation	10 68
	11.	" "	Miss Adelaid Dechant, Millersburg, Pa.	5 00
	15.	" "	Rev. Max Stern, Louisville. Ky	15 00
	19.	" "	" J. Dahlman, Glassboro, N. J	16 56
		" "	" F. A. Rupley, Middletown, Md	50 00
		" "	" per Rev. B. Bausman, from Mrs. H. Golbeck	1 00
	26.	" "	per Rev. F. W. Kremer, Tr. of Lebanon Classis, from Rev. C. H. Leinbach, collected in Host congregation	20 00
August	5.	" "	per John Wiest, from Christ Church, Green street, collected on the Systematic Ben. plan	200 00
		" "	per Rev. A. H. Kremer, from Sunday School, First Church, Lancaster, Pa., $50; collected at annual meeting of Classis, New Ephrata, $9.82; from a lady member, $5	64 32
		" "	per Mr. George Bachman, from the Reformed congregation, N. Y., to make J. H. Vondebern a L. M	30 00
			Carried over	$6,382 88

1865.		Amount brought over.....	$6,362 88
August 9.		By cash per Rev. E. R. Eshbach, First Church, Baltimore, part of a free-will offering on Trinity Sunday, by G. S. Griffith, in redemption of a pledge at Synod, $100; collection in congregation, $20.....	120 00
	"	" A friend of the cause.....	3 00
11,	"	" per J. A. Mertz, Tr. of West Susquehanna Classis, from Rev. A. G. Dole, Union congregation	7 00
	"	" Rev. H. C. Heyser, Liverpool charge.....	6 00
	"	" " W. H. Groh, Boalsburg "	75 00
	"	" " E. S. Sheip, Bellefonte "	9 00
	"	" " C. H. Hoffmeier, Rebersburg ch...	8 10
	"	" " S. Kuhn, Aaronsburg, charge.....	25 00
	"	" " W. M. Reily, Lewisburg, charge...	9 00
19.	"	" " P. P. A. Hoffman, Oley, Berks co., Pa.....	9 80
21.	"	" Rev. J. B. Kniest, Buffalo, N. Y.....	4 61
22.	"	" per Rev. J. H. Dubbs, Pottstown, Pa., collected in his charge, ($10 for Doylestown Mission).....	63 40
	"	" per D. W. Gross, from Miss C. Kunkle, Harrisburg.....	5 00
	"	" Rev. J. D. Zehring, part of harvest collections in Emanuel's charge, York county, Pa.....	43 63
24.	"	" Rev. J. B. Knipe, Pikeland charge.....	18 00
26.	"	" Rev. J. S. Dubbs, collected in his charge.	72 50
28.	"	" Rev. E. Benzing, Cleveland, Ohio, collected in his charge.....	4 00
	"	" Rev. J. J. Brecht, Sauk City, Wis., collected in his charge.....	8 00
30.	"	" per Dr. Fisher, from Mr. Goldbeck, Reading, Pa	1 00
	"	" Rev. A. J. G. Dubbs, Allentown, Pa., part of harvest collection in his charge.....	65 75
	"	" per Dr. Fisher, from Rev. D. W. Kelly...	6 67
	"	" " Rev. F. W. Kremer, Tr. Lebanon Classis, from Rev. George Wolff, collections on the Syst. Ben. plan, Myerstown congregation, $80; Christ Ch., $10.13; Rev. J. E. Hiester, harvest collections, Annville, $20; Campbellstown, $20: Palmyra, $11; Tercentenary contributions, $6.50; Rev. J. C. Bucher, harvest collection in Pottsville, Pa., $16.84.....	164 47
	"	" Rev. J. Sechler, part of harvest collection in Littlestown charge, Adams co., Pa.....	23 63
	"	" per Rev. Dr. Fisher, from Rev. S. G. Wagner, collected in Boehm's and White Marsh congregations.....	40 00
		Carried forward.....	$7,155 44

1865.		Amount brought forward		$7,155 44
Aug. 30,		By cash	per Rev. B. Bausman, from a friend, a thank-offering for safe return of a brother from the war	2 00
		" "	from J. Cushwa, Clear Spring, Md	5 00
Sept.	4.	" "	Rev. O. Lohr, Rahway, N. J	5 00
		" "	" Wm. Gilpin, Hickory Creek, Ill	7 00
	6.	" "	" J. Kehm, from Miss Shriver, Gratz, Pa	5 00
		" "	Rev. I. K. Loos, Richmond, Pa	32 32
	12.	" "	" A. Bartholomew, Lehighton, Pa., harvest collections in Weissport ch	19 25
	14.	" "	Rev. W. R. Hofford, Allentown, Pa., part of harvest collection in his charge	37 45
	16.	" "	per Rev. J. G. Wiehle, from Reformed Salem's cong. Miss. Soc., Philada., to make Ludwig Rick a L. M	30 00
	18.	" "	per Rev. Samuel Hess, Hellerstown, Pa., collected in his charge	25 00
	20.	" "	per Rev. John Beck, from Reformed Sunday School, Easton, Pa	50 00
		" "	per Rev. John Beck, harvest collection, Howertown	11 00
		" "	Rev. F. W. Kremer, Tr. of Lebanon Classis, from Rev. J. Kline, Schuylkill Haven, $12.75; Summit Hill, $10.28; McKeansburg, $4.52; and several friends, $2.50	30 00
		" "	per Rev. F. W. Kremer, Tr. of Lebanon Classis, from Rev. George Wolff, collected at Womelsdorf, $31.93; Mount Etna, $8.63	40 56
	21.	" "	per Rev. George Rettig, from a member of his congregation, Dayton, Ohio	5 00
		" "	per Rev. C. Z. Weiser, harvest collections, New Goshenhoppen and Great Swamp congregations	25 00
		" "	per Samuel Brant, Tr. Limerick Church Missionary Society	13 25
	23.	" "	per Rev. W. R. Yearick, Hilltown, Pa., special appropriation by Goshenhoppen Classis, in aid of Doylestown Mission, as follows:—Rev. P. S. Fisher, $10; C. Z. Weiser, $10; S. Hess, $10; D. Rothrock, $10; A. J. G. Dubbs, $10; A. L. Dechant, $10; R. A. Vancourt, $10; P. P. A. Hoffman, $5; S. M. K. Huber, $5: Old Hilltown, $6; Wms. Township, $3; Towamencin, $8	92 00
		" "	per Rev. W. R. Yearick, Hilltown, Pa., collection at meeting of Classis, $42; Old Hilltown cong., $8	50 00
	25.	" "	per Rev. J. Beck, Tr. East Pennsylvania Classis, from Rev. E. W. Reinecke, Nazareth, collected in his charge	50 00
			Carried over	$7,880 2

1865.			Amount brought over	$7,690 27
Sept.	27,	By cash from	Rev. C. F. Hoffmeier, harvest collection in Logansville, Tylersville, and Old Church, Clinton county, Pa	13 00
		" "	Rev. J. C. J. Kurtz, collected in Pinegrove, Pa	22 00
		" "	per L. Eulner, from J. Wenzel, Brooklyn, N. Y., for Chicago mission	2 00
		" "	per Rev. F. W. Kremer, from Rev. Eli Hiester, Lebanon county, Pa	15 00
		" "	per Rev. F. W. Kremer, from Rev. John Gring, Walmer's church	3 28
	28.	" "	Rev. W. A. Helfrich, Fogelsville, Pa., part of harvest collection in his charge	50 00
Oct.	2.	" "	Interest on $1,000 10-40 U. S. bond and premium	35 95
	4.	" "	Rev. J. Naille, Elizabethtown, Pa., part of harvest collection in his charge	5 00
		" "	Rev. W. F. Colliflower, Jefferson, Md	10 00
		" "	per Rev. A. H. Kremer, from Millersville charge	13 00
		" "	Rev. H. Mosser, Second Church, Lancaster, Pa	32 00
	6.	" "	Rev. Geo. Kurtzman, La Crosse, Wis., collected in City congregation, $2; Marmon Cooley, $3.50	5 50
		" "	Rev. E. R. Eshbach, balance of free-will offering on Trinity Sunday, First Church, Baltimore, Md	15 00
		" "	per J. Wm. Birely, Tr., from Evangelical Reformed Church, Frederick City, Md	25 00
	7.	" "	Rev. Wm. D. Lefevre, collected in Sulphur Spring charge	6 91
	9.	" "	per John Wiest, collection at the dedication of Second Reformed Church, Harrisburg, Rev. F. Fox	70 98
		" "	Rev. Thomas S. Johnston, St. John's Church, Lebanon	8 00
	11.	" "	per S. P. Heilman, Sec'y, from Missionary Society, Hill congregation, Rev. J. E. Hiester's charge	17 65
		" "	German Reformed congregation, Race street, collected on the Syst Ben. plan, from Mrs. James V. Lambert, $2.50; Charles Santee, $300	302 50
		" "	per Rev. J. Dahlman. from the Missionary Society of Emanuel's congregation, West Philadelphia, to make George Muth and Carl Kolbe L. M., $60; from the Sabbath School, to make Christian Gross a L. M., $30	90 00
	12.	" "	per J. F. Wiant, from Franklin and Marshall College Church, collected on Trinity Sunday	6 26
			Carried forward	$8,435 90

1865.		Amount brought forward,.....	$8,439 30
Oct. 12,	By cash from	Rev. J. A. Schultz, harvest collection in his charge, Rudolph's Church, $2.97; Loysville, $7.51; Landisburg, $3.10; and St. Peter's, $5.....	18 58
	" "	Rev. F. J. Mohr, collected in Lykens Valley charge.....	8 31
	" "	per Rev. F. W. Kremer, from St. John's Church, Lebanon.....	30 00
	" "	Rev. D. Rothrock, Bucksville, Penna., part of harvest collection in his charge.....	21 00
	" "	Rev. W. H. Fenneman, Lima, Ohio.....	7 00
	" "	" J. H. Buser, Clifton, Iowa.....	10 00
14.	" "	per Rev. John Beck, Tr. East Pennsylvania Classis, from Rev. Alfred J. Herman, $30.70; Rev. A. Bartholomew, $7.....	37 70
	" "	per Rev. John Beck, Easton, Pa., from the female members of his congregation.....	47 50
	" "	Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, communion collection in Friends' Cove congregation, $13.75; Missionary Society, $10; Chaneysville, $5.25.....	29 00
	" "	Rev. F. W. Kremer, 1st Church, Lebanon, $50; special contribution by a female member, $1.50; and for church at Watertown, Wis., $10.....	61 50
	" "	Rev. S. K. M. Huber, harvest collection at Apple's church, $20; part of collection at Keeley's Church, $6.50.....	26 50
16.	" "	per Rev. N. Gehr, from the Juvenile Missionary Society of German Reformed Zion's congregation, Phila.....	30 00
17.	" "	per Rev. D. Y. Heisler, communion collections, Bethlehem, $32; Hecktown, $17; Bath, $11.90.....	60 90
	" "	per Rev. Wm. Sorber, from Brownback's charge, Chester county, Pa.....	30 00
	" "	per J. Wiest, from Christ Church, Green street, collected on the Syst. Ben. plan, viz.: — A. Kline and family, $11; R. Rothermel and family, $10; P. F. Fry, $2; J. S. Berger, $2; Wm. P. Buck, $2.50; M. Bossler, $0.50.....	28 00
			$8,885 29

The Board of Domestic Missions of the German Reformed Church, in account with CHARLES SANTEE, *Treasurer.*

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1864.				
Oct.	26.	To cash paid	Rev. C. W. Seaman, one quarter salary, due November 1	$50 00
Nov.	16.	"	Rev. A. Romich, Philadelphia, one quarter's salary, to November 1, and back-standing salary	150 00
		"	Rev. C. Cast, Detroit, one quarter's salary, to November 1, 1864	75 00
		"	Rev. J. C. J. Kurtz, Pinegrove, on account	100 00
	19.	"	Trinity Chapel Mission, from First Reformed cong., York, Pa	163 00
Dec.	14.	"	Rev. C. Cort, Altoona, Pa., one quarter's salary. to December 1, 1864	75 00
		"	Rev. H. F. Hartman, West Greenville, Pa., for missions in St. Paul's Classis,	100 00
		"	Rev. F. Fox, Harrisburg, Pa., one quarter's salary, to December 1, 1864	75 00
		"	Rev. A. Höhing, New Brunswick, one quarter's salary, to Jan. 1, 1865	25 00
		"	Rev. George Rettig, Dayton, Ohio	25 00
		"	" P. Jörris, Sturgis, Mich., one quarter's salary, to December 1, 1864	25 00
		"	Rev. Wm. Rupp, expense to Johnstown, Pa	20 00
		"	Rev. H. A. Winter, Sauk City, Wis., in full	37 50
		"	Rev. A. S. Leinbach, Reading, Pa., six months' salary, to Nov. 1, 1864	50 00
1865.				
Jan.	6.	"	Rev. A. Höhing, New Brunswick, N. J., one quarter's salary, to Oct. 1, 1864	25 00
	7.	"	for $1,000 10-40 U. S. bond, five per cent. interest, from Sept. 1, and fifty per cent. premium on gold	1,026 10
	10.	"	Rev. George Wolff, travelling expenses to Pennsburg, Montgomery co., Pa	5 00
	13.	"	Rev. O. Lohr, Rahway, N. J., one quarter's salary, to Dec. 1, 1864	25 00
		"	Rev. W. R. Yearick, Doylestown, Pa., one quarter's salary, Nov. 30, 1864	50 00
		"	Rev. F. A. Gast, New Holland, Pa., one quarter's salary, to Jan. 1, 1865	25 00
		"	Rev. S. Mease, Cincinnati, Ohio, one quarter's salary, to Jan. 1, 1865	125 00
		"	Rev. P. A. Schwartz, Greenfield, Mass., two quarter's salary, to Jan. 1, 1865.	100 00
		"	Rev. J. B. Zumpe, Evansville, Ind., one quarter's salary, to Jan. 1, 1865	50 00
		"	Rev. M. Stern, Louisville, Ky., one quarter's salary, to Jan. 1, 1865	62 50
			Carried forward	$2,484 10

1865.			Amount brought forward	$2,464 10
Jan.	13.	To cash paid	Rev. J. Dahlman, Glassboro, N. J., one quarter's salary, to Jan. 1, 1865	37 50
		"	Rev. T. Grosshusch, Ebenezer, N.Y., one quarter's salary, to Jan. 1, 1865	81 25
		"	Rev. Geo. Kurtzman, Middletown, Pa., in full	12 50
Feb.	21.	"	Rev. A. Romich, Philadelphia, one quarter's salary, to January 31, 1865	100 00
		"	Rev. H. Wissler, Shepherdstown, Va., one quarter's salary, to Jan. 31, 1865	25 00
		"	Rev. A. von Püchelstein, Egg Harbor, N. J., one quarter's salary, to Dec. 31, 1864	62 50
		"	Rev. J. C. J. Kurtz, Pinegrove, Pa., balance due him to April 30, 1865	150 00
		"	Rev. J. T. Kluge, Sheboygan, Wis., two quarters' salary, to Dec. 1, 1864	25 00
		"	Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Danville, Pa., one year's salary, to April 1, 1865	150 00
		"	Rev. E. H. T. Wöhler, Appleton, Wis., one quarter's salary, to Jan. 1, 1865	37 50
		"	Rev. M. Müller, Sandusky, Ohio, one quarter's salary, to Jan. 1, 1865	25 00
		"	Rev. C. Cast, Detroit, Mich., one quarter's salary, to Feb. 1, 1865	75 00
		"	Rev. Wm. Gilpin, Hickory Creek, Ill., two quarters' salary, to Feb. 1, 1865	50 00
	22.	"	Rev. S. Mease, Cincinnati, Ohio, contribution from Rev. T. C. Leinbach, for Mission Church	11 92
	28.	"	Rev. Daniel Kroh, Three Rivers, Mich., three quarters' salary, to March 1, 1865	75 00
March	16.	"	Rev. F. Fox, Harrisburg, Pa., one quarter's salary, to March 1, 1865	100 00
		"	Rev. J C. Hauser, Phila., one quarter's salary, to March 1, 1865	100 00
	21.	"	Rev. W. Wittenwieler, Watertown, Wis., two quarters' salary, to April 1, 1865	50 00
		"	Rev. P. Jörris, Sturgis, Mich., one quarter's salary, to March 1, 1865	25 00
		"	Rev. C. Cort, Altoona, Pa., one quarter's salary, to March 1, 1865	75 00
		"	Rev. J. Riale, Tipton, Iowa, three quarters' salary, to April 1, 1865	150 00
		"	Rev. M. Bachman, Baltimore, Md., two quarters' salary, to April 1, 1865	50 00
		"	Rev. H. F. Hartman, West G., Pa., travelling expenses	15 00
		"	Rev. J. M. Steiner, New Brunswick, N. J., one quarter's salary, to April 1, 1865	37 50
		"	Rev. O. Lohr, Rahway, N. J., one quarter's salary to March 1, 1865	25 00
			Carried over	$3,959 77

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1865.		Amount brought forward		$5,369 77
June	26.	To cash paid	Rev. Wm. Gilpin, Hickory Creek, Ill., one quarter's salary, to May 1, 1865..	25 00
		"	Rev. P. Jörris, Sturgis, Wis., one quarter's salary, to June 1, 1865.....	25 00
		"	Rev. C. Cort, Altoona, Pa., one quarter's salary, to June 1, 1865.....	75 00
		"	Rev. N. Reutenik, Waukesha, Wis., one quarter's salary, to June 1, 1865.....	18 75
		"	Rev. John P. Stein, Schuylkill Haven, two quarters' salary, to May 1, 1865.	50 00
		"	Rev. E. H. T. W hler, Appleton, Wis., two quarters' salary, to June 1, 1865	50 00
	27.	"	Rev. F. Fox, Harrisburg, Pa., one quarter's salary, to June 1, 1865.....	100 00
		"	Rev. H. A. Winter, Milwaukie, Wis., travelling expenses to Chicago, Ill....	10 00
July	8.	"	Rev. B. C. Wolff, travelling expenses to West Phila.....	3 00
	10.	"	Rev. Thos. S. Johnston, travelling expenses to West Phila.....	15 00
	11.	"	Rev. P. A. Schwartz, Greenfield, Mass., two quarters' salary, to July 1, 1865.	100 00
		"	Rev. W. R. Yearick, Line Lexington, one quarter's salary, to June 1, 1865..	50 00
		"	Rev. J. C. J. Kurtz, Pinegrove, Pa., on account of salary, due June 30.....	100 00
		"	Rev. George Long, Indianapolis, Ind., one quarter's salary, to July 1, 1865..	62 50
	15.	"	Rev. J. P. Pfister, New York city, one quarter's salary, to July 1, 1865.....	75 00
		"	Rev. S. Mease, Cincinnati, Ohio, one quarter's salary, to July 1, 1865.....	125 00
		"	Rev. M. Stern, Louisville, Ky., one quarter's salary, to July 1, 1865.....	37 50
		"	Rev. E. H. T. Wöhler, Appleton, Wis., one quarter's salary, to July 1, 1865..	25 00
		"	Rev. C. R. Diffenbacher, West Greenville, one quarter's salary, to July 1, 1865..	75 00
		"	Rev. A. von Püchelstein, Egg Harbor, one quarter's salary, to July 1, 1865..	62 50
	19.	"	Rev. J. Dahlman, Glassboro, N. J., one quarter's salary, to July 1, 1865.....	37 50
Aug.	19.	"	Rev. S. Gutelius, Lykens, P. O., on account of salary due him	50 00
	22.	"	Rev. W. R. Yearick, in aid of Doylestown Mission Church, from the Rev. J. H. Dubbs	10 00
	25.	"	Rev. O. Lohr, Rahway, N. J., one quarter's salary, to June 1, 1865.....	25 00
		"	Rev. A. H. Winter, Milwaukie, Wis., one quarter's salary, to July 1, 1865, and travelling expenses.....	103 50
	28.	"	Rev. M. Bachman, Baltimore, Md., one quarter's salary, to July 1, 1865.....	50 00
			Carried over.....	$6,730 0

		Amount brought over	$6,730 00
28.	To cash paid	Rev. E. Benzing, Cleveland, Ohio, one quarter's salary, to July 1, 1865	25 00
	"	Rev. J. H. Buser, Clifton, Iowa, one quarter's salary, to July 1, 1865	50 00
	"	Rev. T. Grossbusch, Ebenezer, N. Y., one quarter's salary, to July 1, 1865	31 25
	"	Rev. J. J. Brecht, Sauk City, Wis., one quarter's salary, to July 1, 1865	37 50
	"	Rev. C. Cast, Detroit, Mich., one quarter's salary, to August 1, 1865	75 00
	"	Rev. T. G. Apple, travelling expenses to West Phila	7 00
	"	Rev. G. H. Johnson, travelling expenses to West Phila	8 00
30.	"	Rev. Cyrus Cort, in aid of Altoona Mission, from Rev. A. J. G. Dubbs, Allentown, Pa	20 00
4.	"	Rev. W. H. Super, expenses to West Philadelphia	3 00
	"	Rev. Abraham Romich, Philadelphia, one quarter's salary, to August 1, 1865	100 00
	"	Rev. John Gantenbein, Bridesburg, Pa., one quarter's salary, to July 1, 1865	50 00
	"	Rev. O. Lohr, Rahway, N. J., one quarter's salary, to Sept. 1, 1865	25 00
	"	Rev. C. Pluess, Crothersville, Ind., one quarter's salary, to July 1, 1865	37 50
	"	Rev. Wm. Gilpin, Hickory Creek, Ill., one quarter's salary, to August 1, 1865	25 00
11.	"	Rev. F. Fox, Harrisburg, Pa., one quarter's salary, to September 1, 1865	100 00
	"	Rev. J. E. W. Brasch, Rochester, N. Y., one quarter's salary, to September 1, 1855	62 50
	"	Rev. A. G. Dole, expenses to West Philadelphia	6 00
12.	"	Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., expenses to West Phila	3 00
	"	Rev. H. Wissler, Shepherdstown, Va., one quarter's salary, Aug. 1, 1865	25 00
23.	"	Rev. W. Wittenwieler, Watertown, Wis., two quarters' salary, to Oct. 1, 1865	50 00
30.	"	Rev. W. R. Yearick, Hilltown, Pa., salary to October, 1, 1865	50 00
	"	Rev. J. C. Hauser, Phila., one quarter's salary, to Sept. 1, 1865	100 00
	"	Rev. Samuel Gutelius, Lykens P. O., on account of salary, to Aug. 1, 1865	37 50
	"	Rev. J. P. Stein, Schuylkill Haven, one quarter's salary, to Aug. 1, 1865	25 00
Oct. 9.	"	Rev. P. A. Schwartz, Greenfield, Mass., one quarter's salary, to Oct. 1, 1865	50 00
		Carried forward	$7,793 25

1865.		Amount brought forward	$7,733 27
Oct.	9.	To cash paid Rev. J. Riale, Tipton, Iowa, two quarters' salary, to Oct. 1, 1865	100 00
	"	Rev. Thomas S. Johnston, Lebanon, Pa., travelling expenses to West Philadelphia	8 00
	10. "	Rev. J. P. Pfister, No. 5 Battery place, New York, one quarter's salary, to September 10, 1865	75 00
	12. "	Rev. W. H. Fenneman, Lima, Ohio, one quarter's salary, to Sept. 1, 1865	50 00
	"	Rev. E. Benzing, Cleveland, Ohio, one quarter's salary, to Oct. 1, 1865	25 00
	"	Rev. Frederick Künzler, Chicago, Ill., one quarter's salary, to Oct. 1, 1865	150 00
	"	Rev. H. A. Winter, Milwaukie, Wis., one quarter's salary, to Oct. 1, 1865,	100 00
	"	Rev. J. H. Buser, Clifton, Iowa, one quarter's salary, to Oct. 1, 1865	50 00
	"	Rev. T. Grosshusch, Ebenezer, N. Y., one quarter's salary, to Oct. 1, 1865	31 25
	"	Rev. J. M. Steiner, New Brunswick, N. J., two quarters' salary, to October 1, 1865	75 00
	"	Rev. C. Cort, Altoona, Pa., one quarter's salary, to Sept. 1, 1865	75 00
	14. "	Rev. A. von Püchelstein, Egg Harbor, N. J., one quarter's salary, to Oct. 1, 1865	56 20
	"	Rev. J. P. Stein, Schuylkill Haven, Pa., one quarter's salary, to Oct. 1, 1865	25 00
	"	Rev. Wm. R. Yearick, Hilltown P. O., special appropriation from Goshenhoppen Classis	92 00
		Balanee in Treasury, Oct. 17, 1865	233 27
			$8,885 29

The undersigned respectfully report that they have examined the Treasurer's account, comparing it with the vouchers, and find it correct.

E. R. ESCHBACH,
J. G. SHOEMAKER.

hurch Extension Fund of the German Reformed Church in account with JOHN WIEST, *Treasurer.*

64.		Cr.	
t.	21	By Balance in the Treasury,	$812 77
	31	Recd. from Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Tercentenary Offering Shiloh Ger. Ref. Church Danville,	398 50
	31	Recd. from Rev. J. O. Miller contributed by the 1st Ger. Ref. Church, York, Pa., for Trinity Chapel,	166 00
ov.	17	Recd. from Rev. S. M. K. Huber, Harvest Collection Keeley's Church, $5, and Apple's Church, $16 30, for Doylestown Church,	21 30
ec.	1	Received per Rev. J. Beck from Rev. J. S. Herman a Tercentenary Offering from his charge,	50 00
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arch	10	Int. Permanent Fund	2 34
	31	Received from H. W. Hoffmeier for Altoona Church	5 00
pril	1	" " W. H. Seibert, Harrisburg, Pa.,	10 00
	12	" " "A. S." Chambersburg, Pa. (for Altoona)	2 00
une	5	" " Rev. M. Bachman, Church Collection,	3 00
	5	" " " " Thank Offering from a member who escaped the Draft,	2 00
	24	" " A. Kline and Family, Christian Evangel. Reformed Church, Philada.,	11 00
Aug.	15	" " Rev. J. W. Love, Alexandria, charge for Tipton, Iowa,	115 00
	15	Collected in Allentown for Tipton, Iowa,	22 75
		" by Rev. P. S. Fisher, Personal Donation for Tipton, Iowa,	7 00
		" " D. F. Brendle, Bethlehem, Pa., for Tipton, Iowa,	20 00
		" " I. K. Loos, Mt. Bethel, charge for Tipton, Iowa	57 00
		" " F. W. Kremer, Lebanon, Pa., for Tipton, Iowa,	20 00
		" at Boyerstown, for Tipton, Iowa,	80 00
Sept.	15	Collected by Rev. J. C. Hauser, for St. Paul's Mission Church, Philadelphia:	
		C. Santee $250 00	
		Gross, Bros. 250 00	
		Geo. Gelbach 250 00	
		Jno. Wiest 250 00	
		Wm. Howell 50 00	
		H. Acker 10 00	
		J. Rech 10 00	
		G. E. Herring 10 00	
		Cash 10 00	
		C. Gess 10 00	
		Henry Eiler 5 00	
		Mrs. Crosby 5 00	
		Geo. Doll and N. Wetzel each $5 10 00	
		Dr. Wm. Mayburry 5 00	
		Mrs. Schwabenland and W. Mook each $5 10 00	
		D. Neff and A. Boas each $5 10 00	
		A. Leize and Mrs. H. Fry each $5 10 00	
		Carried forward $1,155 00	$1,805 66

1865.		Amounts brought forward	$1,155 00	$1,805 66
Sept.	15	D. G. Leffler	4 00	
		T. T. Dietz and Cash each $3	6 00	
		C. Weber and Chas. H. Scull each $2	4 00	
		M. Bohly, A. H. Harper, D. Weitzel, Mr. Thicker, C. Wahl and J. K. Bentz, each $1	6 00	
		From St. Paul's Congregation, Baltimore,	15 00	
		" Rev. Külling, 4th Church, Baltimore,	29 25	
				1,219 25
	16	Per F. W. Kremer from Rev. J. E. Heister, Annville, Pa., Tercentenary contribution		8 00
	22	Received per Chas. Santee from Rev. C. Z. Weiser, Harvest Collection in New Goshenhoppen and Great Swamp Congregation for Tipton, Iowa		25 00
	27	Received from R. Rothermel and Family, Christ Evangelical Reformed Church, Phila		10 00
Oct.	2	Received from Rev. W. R. Hofford, collected in his charge for Tipton, Iowa		20 00
		Int. from Permanent Fund		3 65
	3	Collected by Rev. A. Romich for his St. Stephen's Mission Church, Phila		
		Jno. Wiest and Family	$1,035 00	
		Chas. Santee	735 00	
		Geo. Gelbach	735 00	
		Gross, Bros.	735 00	
		Abraham H. Harper	5 00	
		Mrs. M. B. Kaub	50 00	
		J. Newcomet	25 00	
		Dr. Wm. Mayburry	25 00	
		Mr. Goldburt	5 00	
		Louis Boettiger	10 00	
		W. Unverzagt	2 00	
		Henry Eiler	5 00	
		G. M. Ehrlen	5 00	
		Lzr. Ehrlen	4 00	
		L. Breidenbach	5 00	
		R. Graver	5 00	
		W. L. Graver	10 00	
		L. H. Brook	5 00	
		Z. Heppe	1 00	
		Geo. Maurer	5 00	
		Samuel Grubb	5 00	
		G. L. Butz	10 00	
		H. Acker	10 00	
		I. K. Loos	10 00	
		Wm. Howell	40 00	
		M. Roth	10 00	
		Collected in small amounts from different persons	70 00	
		Rev. D. Y. Heisler	21 00	
		Geo. Doll	5 00	
		John Doll	5 00	
		Mrs. Zuervelle	10 00	
		Richard Meily	5 00	
		Rev. F. W. Kremer	25 00	
		Carried over	$3,633 00	$3,001 [illegible]

1865.	Amounts brought over	$3,633 00	$3,091 56
Oct. 3.	J. Ermentrout	5 00	
	First Church Reading (Rev. B. Bausman)	50 00	
	J. Rech	25 00	
	Rev. D. F. Brendle	50 00	
	Rev. P. S. Fisher	10 00	
	Rev. N. Gehr's Church and Sunday School	20 40	
	Salem's Church and Sunday School	10 00	
	Rev. J. Dahlman's jr. Church and Sunday School	32 40	
	Rev. Geo. Wolff	10 00	
	Rev. M. A. Smith	13 00	
	G. S. Griffith	10 00	
	"A friend," in the U. S. Mint	5 00	
	Wm. N. Wetzel	5 00	
	Mrs. Beidemiller	5 00	
	Christian Zindel	5 00	
			$3,888 80
	Collected by Rev. C. Cort, for his Mission Church at Altoona, Pa.:—		
	Gen. Wm. Schall	$5 00	
	Prof. Theo. Appel	2 00	
	Rev. B. C. Wolff, D.D.	5 00	
	"A friend, in Lancaster, Pa.	1 00	
	Rev. J. Kretzing	3 00	
	St. John's congregation, Jonestown, Pa	10 00	
	Rev. T. Fouse's charge	191 30	
	" W. M. Reily's "	73 35	
	" I. S. Weisz' "	34 15	
	" D. Y. Heisler's "	49 00	
	Allentown friends	50 00	
	Easton congregation, Rev. J. Beck	79 00	
	South White Hall congregation	14 00	
	Bedford cong., Rev. Heckerman	111 00	
	Silver Run cong., Rev. Sechler	25 35	
	Waynesboro cong., Rev. W. E. Krebs	76 75	
	Water Street charge	14 28	
	Shippensburg charge	15 00	
	Martinsburg congregation	48 25	
	J. & M. Thatcher	15 00	
	Miss L. Motter	5 00	
	"A friend," in Norristown, Pa	10 00	
	Kieffer's congregation	10 00	
	Prof. H. R. Nicks	5 00	
	F. A. Boas	2 00	
	Mrs. H. C. Young	1 00	
	Bellefonte charge	30 50	
	Harrisburg cong., Rev. Snyder	53 25	
	Nittany charge, Rev. Millet	21 20	
	Rev. Jonathan Zellers	5 00	
	Boehm's charge, Rev. S. G. Wagner	60 00	
	Rev. I. K. Loos' charge	40 69	
	Hagerstown congregation	64 00	
	Rev. E. B. Wilson, and Grindstone Hill ch.	11 50	
	Carried forward	$1,141 57	$6,980 36

65.	Amounts brought forward	$1,141 57	$6,980 36	
t. 8.	Dr. Lefevre, Bloomfield, Pa.	5 00		
	Capt. McGeehan, "	5 00		
	Rev. J. A. Schultz' charge	61 33		
	Howertown congregation	32 25		
			1,245 15	
9.	Received from Christ Evangelical Reformed Church, for Glassboro, N. J.		55 00	
	Received from Christ Evangelical Reformed Church, Glassboro, N. J., not appropriated,		3 00	
	Received for Glassboro, N. J., Rev. J. Dahlman, Pastor:—			
	Charles Santee	$50 00		
	George Gelbach	50 00		
	Gross Brothers	100 00		
	N. Wetzel	5 00		
	Jacob Rech	5 00		
			210 00	
	Received for Doylestown Mission Church, Rev. W. R. Yearick, Pastor:—			
	Old Hilltown Church, Tercentenary offering	$325 00		
	Towamencin Church, Rev. W. G. Hackman, Tercentenary offering	25 00		
	Bellefonte charge, Rev. E. S. Sheip, Tercentenary offering	62 25		
	Wentz's Church, collected by Rev. W. G. Hackman	55 50		
	Nittany charge. Rev. J. K. Millet	20 20		
	Keeley's Church, Rev. A. L. Dechant	31 00		
	Donation from " "	10 00		
	" " Rev. S. Hess	10 00		
	Collected in charge of "	211 65		
	" " Rev. P. S. Fisher	152 96		
	Donation from " "	10 00		
	" " Rev. R. A. Van Court	10 00		
	Collected in charge of " "	75 00		
	Rev. J. H. Dubbs' charge $89 90			
	Less *bad money* 1 25			
		88 65		
	Rev. W. M. Landis	5 00		
	Rev. C. Z. Weiser's charge	150 00		
	Rev. A. J. G. Dubbs' charge $43 15			
	Less *counterfeit money* 50			
		42 65		
	Members of our churches in Phila	293 00		
			1,577 86	
14	From Rev. J. Beck, Easton, Pa., contributed by the female members of his cong.		20 00	
	From Rev. J. G. Wiehle, collected in his cong., for the Chicago mission		226 48	
	From Rev. N. Gehr, collected in his congregation, for the Chicago mission		112 50	
	From Rev. J. A. Schultz, additional collections in his charge, for Altoona church		9 50	
	Carried over		$10,439 85	

1865.		Amount brought over	$10,439 85
Oct.	4.	From Rev. B. S. Schneck, D.D., additional collection in his charge, for Altoona Ch.	10 00
		From the McConnellsburg charge, collections for Altoona church	18 00
			$10,462 85

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1864.			
Oct.	21.	Transferred to Permanent Fund, which is invested on interest	$700 00
	31.	Paid Shiloh German Reformed Church, Danville, Pa.	398 50
		" Trinity Chapel, York, Pa.	166 00
Nov.	21.	" Rev. A. H. Kremer, for Columbia church	100 00
		" " W. R. Yearick, Doylestown "	21 80
1865.			
March	11.	" " Prof. T. Apple, for Columbia "	100 00
April	1.	" " C. Cort, for Altoona "	5 00
June	16.	" " " " "	2 00
Aug.	16.	" " J. Riale, Tipton, Iowa, per C. Santee	25 00
		" " " " "	296 75
Sept.	15.	" " J. C. Hauser, for St. Paul's Church, Phila.	1,219 25
	22.	" " J. Riale, for Tipton Church, Iowa	25 00
Oct.	2.	" " " " " "	20 00
	3.	" " A. Romich, for St. Stephen's Ch., Phila.	3,888 80
		" " C. Cort, for Altoona Church	1,245 15
	9.	" " J. Dahlman, for Glassboro Church	265 00
	14.	" " W. R. Yearick, for Doylestown Church	1,577 86
	17.	" " F. Kuenzler, Chicago, Ill	338 98
	19.	" " C. Cort, for Altoona Mission	32 50
		Balance in Treasury	35 76
			$10,462 85

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b. Report of the Board of Foreign Missions.

The following report was received from the Board of Foreign Missions:—

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church, in Session at Lewisburg, Pa.:—

The Board of Foreign Missions, in presenting their 27th Annual Report to your venerable body, are reminded, that, while the Church has been made to mourn the loss of many excellent men from the ranks of the ministry, during the year now hastening to its close, the members of the Board are still in the land of the living, and in the active discharge of their duties. They would also gratefully remember, that though more than once exposed to the dangers and devastations of a protracted civil war, the quiet of their homes was undisturbed, and nothing was permitted to molest or make them afraid.

They congratulate the Synod upon the return of peace, and venture to hope that it will continue long, and lead to increased exertions for the maintenance of religion at home, and of the spread of the Gospel abroad.

In their last report to Synod, it was said that the Mission at Aintab, to the support of which the funds of your society are contributed, was prospering in all the departments of its activity. The preaching of the gospel at Aintab, and the out-stations in the adjacent villages, was well attended and favourably received, and the Theological Seminary, the Boarding Schools, male and female, and Sunday Schools and Bible Classes, were all in successful operation. The condition and prospects of the mission were such as to warrant the belief, that Dr. Schneider's presence was no longer required at Aintab, and that his valuable services might be more advantageously employed in some distant and difficult field. More recent intelligence assures us, that all things continue to do well; although they may in the course of the year suspend the operations of the Theological Seminary for the reason, that the supply of native preaching is equal to the demand.

The knowledge of these interesting facts seems to have given a fresh impulse to the inquiry, whether it would not be well for the German Reformed Church to engage in Foreign Missions in an independent way? At present, as a denomination, our position is nothing more than an auxiliary to the American Board of Foreign Missions; and this position is not pleasant to some of our people. They think it would be better, if we were to assume the character and responsibility of an independent association, and undertake a mission of our own. By so doing we could send men, educated and trained in our own institutions, into the foreign field, by whom congregations would be gathered in connection with and under the control of our Church authorities. In this way, too, especially if we could secure the services of Dr. Schneider, with his large experience and practical sound judgment, in conducting the movement, it was thought that the zeal of our people would be stirred up, and that more would be done for the spread of the gospel among the heathen, than they are willing to do now. This is altogether probable. But whether it be expedient for us to break off our connexion with the American Board, and undertake a Mission for ourselves, at this time, is a question of no slight magnitude, and one that should not be determined without due deliberation, and a full estimate of the difficulties to be encountered. To carry forward a movement of that kind, with any reasonable hope of success, requires men of a high order of qualifications and peculiar training, to manage its operations at home and conduct them abroad; and, besides this, the means of their support should at all times be at command.

In anticipation of any such purpose on the part of Synod, and with a view to an intelligent decision of the delicate and important questions which might be brought up for discussion, the President of your society thought it proper to open a correspondence on the subject with one of the Secretaries of the American Board, and also

with Dr. Schneider himself. To say that Dr. Treat, the Home Secretary of the American Board, in his reply, treated the general subject with great candor and ability, is nothing more than a just appreciation of the enlightened judgment, and enlarged spirit of Christian charity, which distinguishes the counsels and determinations of the American Board. The communication addressed to Dr. Schneider was semi-official in its character, and was intended especially to elicit information for the use of Synod and the Board in determining the course to be taken in the future. The subject matter of its contents was, however, at the suggestion of the American Board, submitted for discussion to the members of the Mission at Aintab, at a general meeting held in the course of the year, and the following extract from the minutes of their proceedings, expresses their judgment.

1. "*Resolved*, That with reference to the proposition of the German Reformed Church, to form a mission in a field neighboring to ours, we do not know of any field sufficiently hopeful and extensive to be worthy of a new mission; the large unoccupied region west of Adana, containing but few and scatered Armenians, and only suitable for a few out-stations, perhaps at some future time in connection with Adana; unless a mission undertaken for the Greeks, who are at present not believed to be a hopeful people, among whom to labor.

2. "*Resolved*, That in connexion with this, we feel bound to express our most earnest desire, that Dr. Schneider, who has so long been our loved associate, and whose labors are so intimately related to every part of our field, should not be called to dissolve his relations with the Mission till the Master shall call him to his final reward."

Dr. Schneider adds: "You will perceive from these resolutions, that there seems to be no suitable field, not already occupied for a new mission in this region. This is substantially the opinion I communicated in my letter to you."

From the correspondence it will be seen, that there is no probability—to say nothing of the indelicacy of such a request—that the American Board would surrender the control of the Mission at Aintab and its dependencies, its congregations, and missionaries and church edifices—in the full tide of successful operation to a society, just starting into life, with every thing to acquire in the way of experience and judgment, and the means of sustaining its operations.—Nor would Dr. Schneider and his colleagues consent to hazard their support and that of their families, and the continued prosperity of the Mission by such a transfer.

The question then, as to the expediency of our undertaking a mission in Central Asia, and indeed in any other region in the Turkish empire, may be considered as settled. There is no field open for us, without coming in conflict with the claims of other associations, and seeking to build upon their foundations, which from the days of the great Missionary to the Gentiles has been regarded as a violation of Christian courtesy, carefully to be avoided.

As it regards the regions beyond the limits of Mohammedan rule,

the more distant for instance, we have no reason to think that Dr. Schneider, at his time of life, and severely afflicted as he has been by the death of his two sons during our late war, would leave his present sphere of useful labor, where every thing is endearingly familiar to him, to go among a people where all is strange, and where it would require years of persevering toil to make himself acquainted with their language and habits, and false theories of religion, so as to qualify himself for the first stages of missionary labor.

At the same time it may be proper to say, that the American Board desires to throw no hinderance in the way of the free action of the members of Synod in any decision they will make, or movement they may have in view. "The co-operative principle has always been dear to them. They regard this delightful harmony of action as a standing proof of the substantial unity of evangelical Christians, and a standing protest of the denial of it by Rome. The thought of having their Dutch Reformed brothers leave them was very painful at first: but they are constrained to admit it was most clearly of the Lord. And so they would be sorry to part from their Germam Reformed brothers; but if they can do more for the Master, by separate endeavors, they can only say: Go in peace, and the Lord bless you evermore."

So again in regard to Dr. Schneider, they say: "Should he decide to leave us, it would occasion the most profound regret. He is greatly beloved in all our churches; the Board, the Committee, and our constituency love him all the more for the trials which our civil war has brought upon him. It would be a grief to many a household, that has followed his missionary history from the beginning, to know that his name has been dropped out of our roll of honor. But if he shall after mature deliberation, think that he can do more for the cause, to which he has devoted his life, by leaving us, we shall give him our benediction; thankful, that for so many years, we have been fellow-workers in the kingdom of God."

This is wisely and well said, and breathes the true missionary spirit.

The question then presents itself to our minds with augmented interest, shall we as a Church continue our connexion with the American Board, or shall we separate from them? Thus far our relation has been mutually pleasant, and we trust profitable; and for many reasons it should be perpetuated. The great objection to it is, that we cannot expect them to employ our ministers as missionaries in their service. They can turn our money to good account, but they cannot so advantageously make use of our men; for the reason that their religious training and habits of thought are different; and they do not think it prudent to employ men of different nationalities, or language in the same locality. They have had the benefit of an experience of more than half a century in the management of missions, and they *have uniformly* found that men of the same country and *customs work most happily* and successfully by themselves.—This ac-

cords too with the experience and conclusions of the British Missionary Associations. They do not employ men of different theological schools in the same mission. This is easily understood. The missionaries trained and sent out by the Saviour himself, were not always able to work pleasantly in the same field, and found it best to separate. This was the case with Paul and his fellow-laborer Barnabas.

It remains, therefore, for Synod to decide, whether the Church shall continue to operate in the foreign field, through the American Board, or whether it shall abandon it altogether. To undertake a separate independent mission, under existing circumstances, would seem to be inadvisable. To connect ourselves with any other missionary association, or Church, would only place us again in the position of an auxiliary or subordinate; and would be liable to the same objections that are urged against our present connexion. To abandon the foreign field altogether would appear to be still worse. It would be directly in the face of the last great command of our risen Redeemer: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature;" and who would assume the responsibility of deciding, that as a Church, because of the demands upon us at home, we may safely disregard it, and suffer millions of heathens to perish for lack of knowledge. There are other considerations affecting the honor and interests of our Church, that should not be without weight in any decision that Synod may make upon this important subject.—Missionary and every other benevolent institution, controlled by the authorities of the Church, not only furnish an opportunity for the exhibition of its proper religious life, but they constitute "a bond of perfectness," holding the several parts in happy combination—a consideration well worthy of attention at this time;—and as the late Triennial Convention, at Pittsburg, expressed the judgment, that it was desirable that there should be but one Board of Foreign Missions for the whole Church, made up of representatives from both Synods, it seems to be desirable, as a matter of due deference to that venerable body, as well as of sound policy for ourselves, that Synod should not hastily decide to interfere with our existing organizations; precipitiate action should be carefully avoided.

From the report of the Treasurer, it appears that the aggregate of receipts, including the balance of $1370.00 on hand last year, is $4719.07. Of this sum, $4610.35 have been expended, leaving in his hands at this time, the sum of $108.72.

With these statements in regard to the proceedings of the Board, and of the present condition and prospects of your society, fairly and candidly submitted, in the mean time, under the instruction of Synod, measures might be adopted to ascertain from the leadings of Divine Providence, the course proper to be taken in our future operations, and due preparations made for a movement in any direction that may be determined upon.

In conclusion, the Board earnestly prays that Synod may be guided in all its deliberations and conclusions, by the spirit of wisdom

from on high; and that by a plentiful effusion of the Holy Ghost, the spirit of missions may be largely increased, and widely diffused throughout our Church.—The grace of the gospel is an expansive principle. The heart of the Christian is always "inditing a good matter." His zeal for the glory of God, and his charity for men ought not, and indeed cannot be repressed. Respectfully submitted by the

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

RUDOLPH F. KELKER, *Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions in account with said Board.*

1864.		DR.		
Oct.	18.	To remainder on hand deposited in First National Bank of Harrisburg, as per last report to Synod,		$1,370 00
		To cash received as follows:		
"	19.	Race street Church, Philadelphia, per C. Santee: Charles Santee, $50; C. Wannamaker, $2,	52 00	
		J. Y. Dietz, $1; W. L. Graver, $1; A. L. Kaub, $2 50,	4 50	
				56 50
"	26.	Of various persons during sessions of Synod, viz:		
		Troutville Mission. Soc., per C. A. Limberg, Treasurer of Classis,	5 15	
		Glade charge, (Terc.) Rev. S. Steiner, pastor,	50 00	
		Manchester charge, Rev. J. W. Hoffmeier pastor,	20 00	
		Mrs. Maria Hoover, Pleasantville, per Rev. S. N. Aller,	2 00	
		Salem's Church, Philada., per Rev. Wiehle,	26 00	
		Lower Saucon Church, Rev. W. R. Hofford, per Rev. J. Beck, Treasurer,	9 55	
		Frederick city charge, Maryland, per V. S. Bruner,	5 00	
		Cedar Hill Sunday School, Berks Co., per Rev. F. W. Kremer,	3 50	
				121 20
		Collection at Foreign Mission Anniversary of Synod,		21 16
Nov.	1.	Rev. J. Reinhart, North Lima, Ohio,		10 00
"	18.	George Gelbach, to constitute Mrs. Sarah Ann Gelbach a Life-member,		1 00 00
Dec.	1.	Rev. J. S. Herman's charge, per Rev. J. Beck, Treas. E. Penna. Classis, (Terc.),		40 00
"	10.	Zion's Sunday School, Topton, Berks Co., per W. F. Kercher, Sup't.,		2 80
		Amount carried over,		$1,721 16

1865.	Amount brought over,		$1,721 1
Dec.	16. Per. J. A. Mertz, Treas. W. Susq. Classis, Tercentenary gifts, viz.:		
"	16. Williamsport charge, Rev. F. J. Mohr,	50 00	
	Adamsburg charge, Rev. L. C. Edmonds,	5 00	
	Lewisburg charge, Rev. Wm. M. Reily, late C. H. Leinbach's,	16 75	
			71 7
	Per J. A. Mertz, Treas. W. Susq. Classis, (not Terc.),		
	Nippenose charge, Rev. H. Weigand,	10 00	
	Adamsburg Charge, Rev. L. C. Edmonds,	5 00	
	Selinsgrove charge, Rev. A. R. Hottenstein,	5 00	
			20 0
"	22. Howerstown ch., Rev. Cyrus Becker's charge, per Rev. J. Beck,		15 0
"	31. W. A. Wilt, Tr., Zion's Classis, (Terc.), viz: Rev. J. Zeigler, $27 45; Rev. D. E. Klopp, $15,	42 45	
	Rev. S. Philips, $6 25; Rev. G. E. Addams, $29 54,	35 79	
			78 2
1865. Jan.	11. S. School 1st Ger. Ref. Ch. Baltimore, to constitute Rev. E. R. Eschbach and Mrs. Mary Heiner Life Members, (per G. S. Griffith, Treasurer,)		77 6
"	19. Neriah charge, Michigan, (Terc.), per Rev. Beam, Ida, Michigan,		12 0
"	23. Berwick charge, Ohio, per Rev. F. Strassner, (Terc.),		15 0
"	25. R. F. Kelker, to constitute Mrs. Amos H. Kremer a life member,		100 0
"	" R. F. Kelker, as a memorial gift in memory of Rev. James H. Schneider (son of Rev. B. Schneider, D.D.), who fell as a martyr to liberty at Key West, Florida,		50 0
"	27. St. John's Classis, Synod of Ohio, per J. Greenmyer, Tr. of Classis,		7 0
"	28. Rev. Dr. Fisher, for moneys heretofore received by him, viz.:		
	1864, Oct. 19, A soldier,	3 00	
	Nov. 23, St. John's Miss. Soc., Tamaqua Rev. L. K. Derr,	25 00	
	" " Tamaqua charge, (Terc.),	20 00	
	" " Rev. H. S. Bassler's charge, S. Buck, Treas., (Terc.),	25 00	
	Dec. 13. Hill Church, Rev. J. E. Hiester,	13 00	
	1865, Jan. 4, Annville Church, Rev. J. E. Hiester,	8 00	
	" 25, H. W. Hoffmeier,	1 00	
			95 0
Feb.	9. Zion's Ref. Church, Buffalo, N. Y., Rev. J. B. Kniest,		7 3
"	11. A. H. Baughman, Xenia, Ohio, viz:		
	1st Ref. Church, Cincinnati, Ohio,	15 00	
	Reformed Church, Indianapolis, Indiana,	5 00	20 0
	Amount carried forward,		$2,290

1865.		Amount brought forward,		$2290 17
Feb.	14.	Landisburg charge, Loysville Mission and Education Soc., Green Park P. O., per Geo. Hoobaugh,		17 00
"	27.	W. C. Finckel, Executor of Eliza Brownback, dec'd., Circleville, Ohio. Legacy of said deceased,		100 00
March	3.	G. H, Small, cash. 1st Nat. Bank coupons on 10-40 $25 sold for,		49 25
"	7.	Bethlehem Church, Navarre, Pastor Schaad,	7 30	
		St. Paul's, Mineral Pt.,	6 35	
			13 65	
		Deduct two counterfeit 50c. notes returned,	1 00	
				12 65
"	25.	Rev. Dr. Fisher, for cash rec'd by him from (Feb. 22,) Rev. Busche, N. Y.,	5 00	
		(March 1st,) Rev. T. C. Leinbach, Womelsdorf,	12 61	
		(" 23,) Soldier at Old Point Comfort,	3 00	
				20 61
April	6.	Rev. J. B. Zumpe's charge, Indiana, per A. H. Baughman, (Terc.),		4 35
"	29.	Mercer charge, Pa., per Rev. A. Dale, (Terc.)		12 00
May	1.	John Wiest and family, Systematic Ben. Plan Green St. Ch., Philada.,		50 00
"	10.	Nippenose charge, Pastor Weigand, per J. A. Mertz, Treas. W. Susq. Classis,		10 00
May	22.	Mrs. Mary M. Hunter, Reading, to constitute Mrs. (Rev.) Henry Mosser a Life member,		100 00
		Mrs. Nicholas Hunter, to constitute Rev. B. Schneider, D. D., a Life member,		200 00
"	24.	Rev. D. Hertz's charge, $32 10; Lady member of the church, $5, per Rev. A. H Kremer, Treas. Lancaster Classis,		37 10
"	"	1st Nat. Bank of Harrisburg, proceeds of sale of U. S. 10-40 Bonds, Nos. 51942 and 51943,	945 00	
		R. F. Kelker, a donation to the Board, a sum sufficient, with the interest rec'd March 3, 1865 ($49 25), and the $945 now realized for the bonds sold, to make up the amount of $1026 30, which the bonds originally cost the Board,	32 05	
				977 05
June	5.	Rev. A. L. Herman's charge, per Rev. F. W. Kremer, Treas. Lebanon Classis, (See entry of June 12 on credit side.)		25 00
"	6.	Cavetown S. School, Md., Miss Hammaker, Treas., per Rev. Santee,		11 75
"	19.	David C. Hammond, Hagerstown Church, Md.,		18 00
"	28.	Bethlehem Church, Philada., Pastor Neuber, to constitute Mrs. Catharine M. Dahlman a Life Member, per C. Santee,		30 00
July	25.	Christian Ott, Lacrosse Co., Wisconsin, per Rev. Geo. Kurtzman,		1 00
		Amount carried over,		$3,965 93

1865.		Amount brought over,.....		$2,[illegible]
July	25.	Zion's Ref. Ch., Buffalo, N. Y., Pastor J. B. Kniest,.....		10 00
Aug.	7.	Two readers of "Evangelist," Cleveland, Ohio, E. Bauman, Ag't.,.....		6 95
"	8.	G. S. Griffith, Esq., Baltimore, through 1st Ref. Ch., Baltimore, to constitute Mrs. S. M. A. Schneider, wife of Rev. Dr. Schneider, a Life Member, per Rev. E. R. Eschbach,.....		100 00
"	9.	Rev. J. A. Mertz, Treas. W. Susq. Classis, viz:		
		Boalsburg charge, Rev. W. H. Groh,.....	16 20	
		Bellefonte charge, Rev. E. S. Sheip, ...	10 00	
		Williamsport charge, Rev. F. J. Mohr,.....	33 00	
				59 20
"	24.	A member of Ger. Ref. Salem Church, in Harrisburg, in gold $25, sold for currency,.....		35 37
"	31.	Rev. Jacob Sechler, Littlestown, Pa.,.....		5 00
Sept.	9.	Rev. D. Willers, Fayette, N. Y.,.....		12 25
"	13.	Green street Ref. Church, Philadelphia, per J. Wiest, Sys. Ben. Plan,.....		50 00
"	"	Sunday School Ref. Church, Easton, per Rev. J. Beck,.....		34 00
"	16.	Mrs. Simon Stocks, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, per Rev. Kluge,.....		10 00
"	18.	Rev. S. Hess, Hellerstown charge, Pa.,.....		10 00
"	30.	Rev. S. R. Fisher, D. D., for cash received by him from sundry members Race street Church, per C. Santee,.....	5 50	
		Rev. M. Bachman, portion of thank-offering of a member, having escaped the draft,.....	2 00	
		Emmittsburg charge, Rev. J. M. Titzel,.....	6 50	
		J. W. Bechtel, Robertsville, per Dr Schneck,	3 00	
		Water street charge, per Rev. J. W. Love,...	42 00	
		Sabbath School 1st Ref. Church, Lebanon,...	56 59	
		New Bloomfield charge, Pa., per Rev. D. W. Kelley,.....	10 75	
		Trappe charge, Pa., Rev. A. B. Shenkle,.....	25 00	
		Mrs. Goodzeit, Lancaster, per Rev. H. Mosser,	5 00	
		Miss. and Ed. Soc., Tamaqua, Rev. L. K. Derr,	14 00	
		Rev. P. S. Fisher, Sellersville, Pa., memorial offering for his son, Lieut. J. H. Fisher, who fell at battle of the Wilderness, May 6, 1864, $25; and for Edward Schneider, son of Rev. B. Schneider, D. D., missionary, who fell at Petersburg, Va., $25, together,	50 00	
		Soldier at Fortress Monroe,.....	3 00	
		Rev. J. E. Hiester, Annville, (Terc.), ...	1 00	
		2d Ref. Church, Lancaster, Rev. H. Mosser, in part of redemption of pledge made at Synod, 1864,.....	23 55	
				247 89
	30.	Rev. Elias Bauman, Cleveland, Ohio,.....	81 58	
		Deduct fee paid Adams Express Co.,.....	1 00	
				80 58
		Amount carried forward.....		$2,[illegible]

1865.		Amount brought forward,.....	$4,627 77
Oct.	6.	Elizabethtown charge, Pa., Rev. J. Naille,..	5 00
"	12.	Zion's Ger. Ref. Church, Buffalo, N. Y., per Rev. J. B. Kniest,.....	6 30
"	"	Miss. Soc. Emanuel's Church, Philadelphia, per Rev. Jacob Dahlman pastor, pledge made at Synod of Lancaster, 1864,.....	30 00
"	13.	Charles Santee, Esq., Race St. Church, on Sys. Ben. Plan,.....	50 00
			$4719 07

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By following Disbursements made, viz:

Dec.	5.	To J. M. Gordon, Esq., Treasurer American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions, ...		$1000 00
1865.				
Jan.	25.	To J. W. Wier, Esq., Cash'r Harrisburg National Bank, for two U. S. 10-40 bonds each $500, Nos. 51942 and 51943, ordered of him Jan. 6, 1865,.....		1026 30

NOTE.—This investment was made temporarily, in the hope that Gold exchange for Foreign remittance might be had at a cheaper rate, and thus render the contributions of the churches more valuable to Dr. Schneider.

Mar.	15.	To W. C. Finckel, Esq., Exe'r of E. Brownback, dec'd, U. S. tax on legacy,.....		5 00
May	25.	To Langdon S. Ward, Acting Treasurer American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions, viz:		
		For 2d Church at Aintab, Syria,.....	10 05	
		For the missionary station at Aintab, Syria, under the care of Rev. B. Schneider, D. D.,.....	1800 00	
				1810 05
June	12.	To Rev. F. W. Kremer, Treas. Lebanon Classis, *nineteen dollars* of the $25, which he forwarded from A. L. Herman's ch'ge, $15 of the $19 belonging to Contingent Fund of Synod, and $4 to the Tutorship Fund. The error having been made by Rev. Herman in his instructions to Rev. Kremer, ...		19 00
Oct.	9.	To Langdon S. Ward, Acting Treasurer American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions, for the support of Rev. B. Schneider, D. D., missionary at Aintab, Syria,.....		750 00
		Carried over,.....		$4,610 35

1865.	Amount brought over,	$4,610
Oct. 17.	By remainder on hand at this date, and deposited in the 1st National Bank of Harrisburg to credit of R. F. Kelker, Treasurer,	108
		$4719

Respectfully submitted to the Synod of the German Reformed Church the United States.

RUDOLPH F. KELKER, *Treasurer, &c.*

Harrisburg, Oct. 17th, 1864.

II. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions to whom the foregoing reports we referred, together with the requests of the Classes of New York a West New York in regard to establishing a Foreign Mission of c own, of the Classis of Lebanon to consider the propriety of approp ating all missionary funds to the home field, and of the Classis of E Pennsylvania, to take into earnest consideration our relations as Church, to the Aintab mission, and to distinctly define that relati and the action of the Classes of St. Paul and Philadelphia on the quest of Synod with regard to raising funds for Foreign Missio submitted their report. It was received, taken up item by ite amended, and adopted. The report as adopted is as follows:

The Committee on Missions respectfully beg leave to submit t following report:

The usual documents, the reports of the Presidents and Treasur of the Boards of Domestic and Foreign Missions, placed in the han of the Committee, have been carefully examined. They are full, a give encouraging evidence of the continued prosperity of these i portant interests committed to our care, for which the gratitude of t Synod is due to the Great Head of the Church.

Domestic Missions.—The report of the President of the Home Bo presents evidence of its untiring efforts and encouraging success in t promotion of the important trust committed to its hands.

There are now fifty missions under the care of the Board—an crease of seventeen during the year. Three of those last year repor have become self-sustaining. Nineteen new stations have the-ref been established by the Board during the past twelve months- practical evidence of progress most cheering to all. The return peace has thrown open a wider field than has perhaps ever before p sented itself, which we are most solemnly bound to occupy. It is e nestly hoped the liberality of the Church will enable this to be don

The finances of the Board are reported in a healthy conditi Receipts of contributions during the year, $8,885.29. Balance in Treasurer's hands, $235.27. The Church Extension Fund, a part the operations of this Board, amounted to $10,462.85, which amou has been wisely expended in relieving feeble churches, with the

ception of $35.76, which yet remains in the hands of the Treasurer, John Wiest, of Philadelphia.

In view of the increasing demands upon the Church for the coming year, your Committee recommend the following resolution:

Resolved—That we show our heartfelt acknowledgment to Almighty God for the evidence of success visited upon the cause of Domestic Missions during the past year, by prosecuting this work with renewed zeal and liberality, and that it be enjoined upon the Classes to make renewed and earnest efforts to increase their contributions to at least twenty thousand dollars.

Foreign Missions—The report of the President of Foreign Missions discusses our present relations at considerable length, in which the results of a correspondence with the American Board, and the action of the Mission at Aintab relative to this correspondence, are fully brought out.

The receipts during the year amount to $3,349.07. Balance in the Treasury, $108.72.

The Overtures from the Classes of Lebanon, New York, West New York, East Pennsylvania, St. Paul's, and Philadelphia, specially referred, all touching directly or indirectly upon our Foreign Mission relations, have been most earnestly considered by the Committee; and the following resolutions are recommended for adoption:

Resolved—That this subject be referred to the consideration of the General Synod, with the request that the appropriation of the Foreign Missionary funds be suspended until the General Synod establishes its own Foreign Missions.

Resolved—That Synod, through the Classes, urge upon the membership the important need of enlarged contributions to the cause of Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted.

E. R. ESCHBACH, *Chairman.*

III. ELECTION OF THE BOARDS OF MISSIONS.

No election was held for the Board of Domestic or of Foreign Missions, inasmuch as the amendments to the Constitution creating the General Synod, place the work of Foreign Missions under the control of the General Synod, and the General Synod has requested a consolidation of the Eastern and Western Boards of Domestic Missions, and provided for effecting such a consolidated Board.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RELATING TO MISSIONS.

After the report of the Board of Domestic Missions was read, and the body of the report referred to the Committee on Missions, the President of the Board stated, that there were several propositions appended to the report, which required immediate attention, and asked permission to bring them at once before the Synod. The permission asked for was granted, and the several propositions were accordingly submitted.

The first, relating to the Chicago mission, was taken up. A fr and free discussion followed. Pledges in behalf the Mission we immediately received to the amount of $1660. The following resol tion was then adopted:

Resolved—That this Synod earnestly request every pastor ar church, to make an effort, within two months, in support of the Ch cago mission, either by public collections or by circulating subscriptio among the people, with the view of raising the sum of at least fi thousand dollars to aid in the erection of a church edifice, and th the several sums raised be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Chur Extension Fund, Mr. John Wiest, 240 Chestnut Street, Philadelphi

The second proposition, relating to the New York Harbor Missio ary, was taken up, and after considerable discussion, was referred ba to the Board of Missions, for final action.

The third proposition, relating to the recommendation of the Gene Synod in regard to uniting the Eastern and Western Boards of M sions, was considered. It was disposed of by the adoption of the fo lowing resolutions:

Resolved—That this Synod acquiesce in the recommendation of t General Synod in regard to uniting the Home Missionary Boards the Eastern and Western Synods, and that the Board of this Syn be instructed and authorized to take measures to carry said reco mendation into effect.

Resolved, That the Board of Missions of the last year be continu until the Board of the General Synod is organized, and that they a hereby authorized to transfer to the said Board, when organized, moneys, legacies, stocks, and interests now in their hands.

The fourth proposition, relating to the action of the Classis of Me cersburg, appropriating all its missionary funds to the building of A toona Mission Church, until all its debts are paid, was taken up. gave rise to considerable discussion, and was finally disposed of by t adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That inasmuch as the Board of Domestic Missions is d pendent for its resources upon the older Classes, and the rapid exte sion of its operations in distant and destitute fields demands an i crease and multiplication of those resources rather, than that th should be diminished, this Synod regrets that the Classis of Merce burg, by its action at the last annual meeting, has withdrawn its a temporarily from our general work, and recommends a reconsiderati of the policy they adopted.

The fifth proposition, relating to the request of sundry members the Allentown congregation, for the organization, in that place, of exclusively English congregation, was taken up. It occasioned a pr tracted discussion, but was eventually disposed of by the adoption the following resolution:—

Resolved, That for further information, if needed, in regard to t application from Allentown, the Board be referred to the Classis East Pennsylvania.

The sixth proposition, relating to the appointment of a Superintendent of Missions, was referred to the General Board of Missions.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS, the collecting efforts of our pastors in behalf of needy church enterprises are often made at random—a number of them following each other in close succession in the same field, while other fields remain unvisited, and thus fail to contribute their part to this important department of church extension, therefore

Resolved, That every congregation desiring assistance in the building of churches, or the payment of church debts, be instructed to apply for such help through the Church Extension Board; and that the officers of said Board commend enterprises which they deem worthy of support, to the liberality of the Church, over their own signatures; and that the attention of the Classes be directed to this action.

The Anniversaries of the Foreign and Domestic Boards of Missions were held—the former on the evening of the fourth, and the latter on the evening of the sixth day of the sessions, at which addresses were delivered and collections taken up in aid of Missions.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The following report was received from the Trustees of Synod, and adopted:—

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

The undersigned was appointed by the Board of Trustees of Synod to act in connection with Dr. S. R. Fisher, appointed at the last meeting of this body, to sell the real and personal property of the Synod at Chambersburg. This committee will report through its Chairman.

At its last meeting, at Lancaster, the Trustees of Synod were instructed to make application to our State Legislature, for indemnification for the losses the Church has sustained in the burning of its Printing Establishment, and in case of failure, to apply to the General Government for that purpose.

Owing to circumstances which transpired subsequently to the meeting of Synod, and for reasons which it was thought would be satisfactory to this body, the Board deemed it inexpedient to make such application.

The report of the Treasurer has been audited, and found to be correct.

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The following report was receiv
referred to the Committee on Fin.

RUDOLPH F. KELKER. *Treasure*
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Oct.	18.	To remainder in hand, as p of Lancaster.....	
		To cash as follows:—	
	22.	Of St. Paul's Classis, per R Contingent Fund.....	
Nov.	4.	" Goshenhoppen Classis, Dubbs, Tr. Contingent	
Dec.	17.	" West Susquehanna Clas Mertz, Tr. Contingent	
1865.			
March	3.	" U. S. 7-30 note, No. 2,3 ment towards founding semi-annual coupon	
		" U. S. 10-40 bonds, Cook 33.10, sold for currency	
	25.	" Rev. Dr. Fisher, cash rec Lebanon Classis, per R Treasurer.....	
April	6.	" Wm. Heyser, check on Bank for six months' 10, 1865, on mortgage d	

1865.		Amount brought forward.....	$777 75
May	24.	Of Lancaster Classis, per Rev. A. H. Kremer, Tr. Contingent Fund.....	96 51
	27.	" Mercersburg Classis, per Rev. J. Hassler, Tr. Contingent Fund.....	150 00
	31.	" East Pa. Classis, per Rev. John Beck, Tr. Contingent Fund.....	75 00
June	5.	" Lebanon Classis, per Rev. F. W. Kremer, Tr. Contingent Fund.....	72 56
	6.	" First National Bank of Harrisburg, on loans to enable Treasurer to pay for printing Minutes of Synod of 1864, in pursuance of resolution of said Synod, (See page 113) thirteen hundred and ninety-three dollars and seventy-five cents.....	1,393 75
		" Lebanon Classis, per Rev. F. W. Kremer, Tr. Contingent Fund.....	15 00
		" Lebanon Classis, per Rev. F. W. Kremer, Tr. Contingent Fund.....	46 00
	10.	" Lindsay & Blakiston, per Rev. Dr. Schaff, copy money on 131 copies Liturgy, sold to June 1, 1865.....	13 10
	19.	" Lebanon Classis, per Rev. F. W. Kremer, Tr. Contingent Fund.....	27 00
	21.	" St. Paul's Classis, Rev. L. B. Leberman, Tr. Contingent Fund.....	75 00
July	1.	" West New York Classis, per H. F. Troutman, Tr. Contingent Fund.....	30 00
	5.	" Maryland Classis, per Rev. W. F. Colliflower, Tr. Contingent Fund.....	170 00
	12.	" Philadelphia Classis, per Rev. Dr. Bomberger, Tr. Contingent Fund.....	175 00
		" Philadelphia Classis, per Rev. Dr. Bomberger, Tr. $17,000 Fund.....	35 00
	19.	" Mercersburg Classis, per Rev. J. Hassler, Tr. Contingent Fund.....	40 00
	29.	" East Susquehanna Classis, per J. M. Follmer, Tr. Contingent Fund	140 00
Aug.	19.	" Lebanon Classis, per Rev. F. W. Kremer, Tr. Contingent Fund.....	6 00
		" West Susquehanna Classis, Rev. J. A. Mertz, Tr. Contingent Fund.....	67 00
		" Zion's Classis, per W. A. Wilt, Tr. Contingent Fund.....	190 00
	25.	" Lebanon Classis, per Rev. F. W. Kremer, Tr. Contingent Fund.....	6 00
	30.	" Goshenhoppen Classis, per Rev. A. J. G. Dubbs, Tr. Contingent Fund	61 20
Sept.	22.	" Goshenhoppen Classis, per Rev. A. J. G. Dubbs, Tr. Contingent Fund.....	62 00
		" U. S. 10-40 bond of $1,000, part of Cook legacy, the semi-annual coupon, $25.00 gold, sold for currency.....	36 00
		" U. S. 7-30 note, Synodical Fund, semi-annual coupon.....	3 65
		Carried forward.....	$3,763 62

1865.		Amount brought over.....		$3,763 [illegible]
Sept.	30.	Of Rev. Dr. Fisher, for cash received by him From Rev. A. S. Leinbach, Lebanon Classis.....	1 00	
		" Clarion Classis, Contingent Fund...	75 00	
		" New York " " " ...	25 00	
				101 0
Oct.	7.	" Wm. Heyser, check, dated October 6, 1865, interest on mortgage due by Jacob Heyser, to Oct. 10, 1865		150 0
		" William Heyser, check, dated October 6, 1865, int. on mortgage due by estate of Wm. Heyser, deceased, to Oct. 6, 1865....		135 0
	13.	" Maryland Classis, per Rev. W. F. Colliflower, Treasurer.....		10 0
	14.	" East Pennsylvania Classis, per Rev. J. Beck, Treasurer.....		300 0
				$4,459 7

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By disbursements as follows, to wit:—

Oct.	19.	To Prothonotary and Recorder of Franklin county.....		$1 [illegible]
	24.	" Rev. G. B. Russell, expenses as delegate to Synod of Reformed Dutch Church, Schenectady, N. Y., 1864.....		23 0
Nov.	1.	" S. R. Fisher & Co., on account of printing Minutes.....		100 0
		" Rev. J. H. Derr, expenses attending Ohio Synod.....		2 0
Dec.	17.	" Harrisburg Bank, for one U. S. 7-30 treasury note, No. 232,208, dated August 15, 1864, for one hundred dollars, being the amount of donation made to Synod by Middletown charge, Md., for synodical purposes, which Synod directed to be invested in U. S. securities. Principal	$100 00	
		Back interest.....	2 48	
				102 [illegible]
1865.				
Feb.	6.	" Rev. Dr. Gerhard, Chairman Committee on Triglot Catechism, for expenses due Rev. Dr. Kessler, now to be paid to Mrs. Kessler (widow.) Allentown, Pa.....		10 0
March	25.	" S. R. Fisher & Co., on account of printing Minutes of Synod.....		120 0
April	7.	" A. B. Wingerd, Tr. Theo. Sem., viz.:— Int. received from Kieffer legacy, in all,	$285 00	
		" " on Cook legacy.....	65 00	
				350 [illegible]
May	27.	" S. R. Fisher & Co., on account of printing Synod's Minutes.....		300 0
	31.	" S. R. Fisher & Co., balance due on printing Minutes of 1863.....		53 [illegible]
		Carried forward.....		$1,051 [illegible]

1865.		Amount brought forward		$1,061 73
June	5.	To Rev. Dr. Schaff, expenses attending meetings of Liturgy Committee		15 00
	6.	" Interest and U. S. stamps on loan of $1,393.75, made this day, from 1st National Bank of Harrisburg		29 97
		" J. B. Rogers, 52 & 54 North Sixth street, Philadelphia, for printing, &c., the Minutes of the Synod of 1864		1,333 75
July	12.	" First National Bank of Harrisburg, on account of loan		643 75
Aug.	19.	" " " " "		260 00
	25.	" " " " "		190 00
Sept.	30.	" Rev. S. R. Fisher, D. D., salary as Stated Clerk of Synod	$75 00	
		Translating Minutes from English into German	40 00	
		Postage on advance copies	18 50	
				133 50
Oct.	9.	" A. B. Wingerd, Treasurer Theological Seminary—		
		Interest received on Kieffer legacy, on Heyser mortgages	$285 00	
		Interest on $1,000 U. S. 10-40 bond, Cook legacy	36 00	
				321 00
		" First National Bank of Harrisburg, on account of note due, Oct. 9, 1865		100 00
	14.	" First National Bank, Harrisburg, balance due on note, dated June 6, 1865		200 00
	17.	" Remainder on hand at this date, deposited in the First National Bank of Harrisburg, to credit of R. F. Kelker, Treasurer		110 82
				$4,459 52

Amounts still due and unpaid by several Classes on Contingent Fund.

East Pennsylvania	$45 00	
Lebanon	23 12	
Maryland	10 00	
Philadelphia	51 16	
Goshenhoppen	34 63	
Virginia	77 00	
Lancaster	190 71	
West Susquehanna	74 75	
		$506 37

Investments held for Synod by R. F. KELKER, *Treasurer.*

1865.			
Oct.	17.	Cook Legacy, consisting of one U. S. 10-40 5 per cent. coupon bond, dated March 1, 1864, No. 5,130, for	$1,000 00
		Carried over	$1,000 00

1865.	Amount brought over.....	$1,000 00	
Oct. 11.	Two U. S. 10-40 5 per cent. coupon bonds, dated March 1, 1864, first series, Nos. 18,790 & 18,791, for $100 each.....	$200 00	1,200 00
	"Kieffer Legacy," consisting of promissory note of Jacob Heyser to Wm. Heyser, Tr. of Synod, for $5,000, dated April 10, 1864, secured by mortgage (interest paid to Oct. 10, 1865).....	$5,000 00	
	Mortgage by Wm. Heyser (now deceased) to A. B. Wingerd, Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, dated January 28, 1863, for $4,500, payable 6th April, 1864.....	4,500 00	9,500 00
	Certificate No. 6, dated June 12, 1862, for 24 shares in the reduced capital of the Hagerstown Bank ($20 per share paid in)..		480 00
	Three several bonds, given by Rev. Isaac Gerhart (now deceased,) dated January 1, 1862, payable one year after his death to the Trustees of Synod, in trust, respectively to the "Board of Education," "Board of Domestic Missions," and "Board of Foreign Missions," one hundred dollars each.....		300 00
	One U. S. 7-30 treasury note, dated August 15, 1864, No. 232,208, for $100, purchased agreeably to Synod's instructions, with the $100 donated by Maryland Classis toward founding a Synodical Fund.....		100 00
	Bond (secured by mortgage,) given by the Second Reformed Church of Reading, Pa., dated September 28, 1861, conditioned for the payment of $2,908.74, with interest from date, to the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States, in case said congregation "should cease to remain in connection with said Synod."		

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States.

REVEREND BRETHREN:—I respectfully submit the above statement of receipts and disbursements for the year ending with October 17, 1865. Amount still unpaid by several Classes, five hundred and six dollars and thirty-seven cents ($506.37.) Assets held in trust, *eleven thousand, five hundred and eighty dollars.* Conditional mortgage on property of Second Reformed Church, Reading, Pa., twenty-nine hundred and eight dollars and seventy-four cents (2,908.74.) Remainder in the hands of your Treasurer, *one hundred and ten dollars and eighty-two cents,* ($110.82,) deposited in the First National Bank of Harrisburg. Debt NONE.

WEDOMAW V. KELKER,
Treasurer of Synod.

Harrisburg, Oct. 17, 1865.

The Classes of Zion and East Susquehanna, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested Synod to take measures to have the expenses incurred in the publication of the Minutes of Synod, reduced. The Classis of Maryland, also, as reported by the same Committee, request Synod to adopt some method to diminish the Contingent expenses of Synod. These requests were referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report, which was received, taken up item by item, and adopted:

The Committee on Finance have had submitted to their consideration the report of the Treasurer of Synod, and would beg leave to submit the following report:—

The Treasurer sets forth, in a lucid manner, the receipts and expenditures during the past year—for a statement of which Synod is respectfully referred to the report itself. After discharging all the liabilities against Synod, save the single item of $300 due the General Synod, there is still found in the Treasury $110.82. There is still due the Synod, from previous assessments, the sum of $506.37—from the following Classes, viz.: East Pennsylvania, $45; Lebanon, $23.12; Maryland, $10; Philadelphia, 51.16; Goshenhoppen, $34.63; Virginia, $77; Lancaster, $190.71; West Susquehanna, $74.75.

In view of the peculiar circumstances surrounding the Virginia Classis, the Committee recommend to Synod to present the aforesaid claim to that Classis, and furthermore to exempt said Classis from assessment this year.

Requests have been made to Synod by the Classes of Zion and East Susquehanna, to reduce the expense of the publication of the Minutes of Synod; and also Maryland Classis sends up a request, to reduce the contingent expenses of Synod. These requests have been referred by the Synod to this Committee for consideration. The Committee had the subject under advisement, and heartily desire to secure the object contemplated in the requests of the Classes named. Yet they feel themselves unable to secure the end desired, unless in the following ways—namely, instead of publishing voluminous reports of the different Boards and Treasuries of the Church—often abounding in much extraneous matter—the Stated Clerk be authorized, in the publication of the Minutes, carefully to abridge and abbreviate said reports, where he can do so without destroying their sense and spirit. Another source of retrenchment would be in publishing a less number of the Proceedings of Synod.

The Committee propose to Synod the following assessment upon the different Classes, to meet the necessary expenses the coming year—namely:

	New.	*Still due.*	*Total due*
East Pennsylvania	$160 00	$45 00	$205 00
Lebanon	150 00	23 12	173 12
Zion's	160 00		160 00
Maryland	160 00	10 00	170 00
Philadelphia	150 00	51 16	201 16
Mercersburg	160 00		160 00
Goshenhoppen	130 00	34 63	164 63
New York	25 00		25 00
Lancaster	100 00	190 71	290 71
East Susquehanna	110 00		110 00
West Susquehanna	115 00	74 75	189 75
Clarion	60 00		60 00
St. Paul	60 00		60 00
Western New York	25 00		25 00
	$1,565 00	$429 37	$1,994 37

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:—

1. That the Virginia Classis be exempt from assessment this year, and also that $77, due this Synod from that Classis, be considered cancelled.

2. That the several Classes be required to make immediate provision for the payment of the assessment as above made: and, further, that the several Classes in arrears be particularly urged to make payment without further delay.

3. That the Stated Clerk be authorized, in the publication of the Minutes of this body hereafter, to leave out the report on the State of Religion, and statistical tables of the Synod of Ohio.

4. That the Stated Clerk be authorized to publish 2,400 copies of the Proceedings of this body—namely, 1,600 in the English, and 800 in the German language.

5. That the Treasurer of Synod be authorized to pay $300 to the Treasurer of the General Synod, as levied on this body by the last General Synod.

6. That the Treasurer of Synod be authorized to borrow whatever moneys may be nesessary to pay for printing the Minutes of Synod.

F. A. RUPLEY, *Chairman.*

It not having appeared, that the Rev. Joshua H. Derr had made settlement of his agency account, as instructed by the Synod of last year, it was

Resolved, That the Rev. George B. Russell be authorized to effect the said settlement with the Rev. Joshua H. Derr.

A committee was appointed, consisting of the Rev. John P. Stein and Augustus L. Dechant, to receive an assessment of fifty cents from each member of Synod, to defray the contingent expenses of the present sessions. This committee submitted the following report, which was adopted:

The committee appointed to collect an assessment of fifty cents upon each member of the Synod, to pay the sexton for his services, and to defray other incidental expenses incurred during the present sessions of Synod, report—

That they have received $40.25, and appropriated it to the purposes for which it was raised.

JOHN P. STEIN, *Chairman.*

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay the following accounts:—

Account of Rev. Samuel H. Giesy, travelling expenses, as delegate to the Synod of Ohio and States, $23.25; of Rev. John S. Foulk, travelling expenses as delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, $12; of the Rev. Jacob O. Miller, expenses incurred for Revenue stamps, as Chairman of the committee to prosecute the claim of Synod against the heirs and representatives of Ex-Sheriff Duncan, deceased, of York county, Pa., $2; of the Rev. John Beck, expenses incurred as Chairman of the Committee on Enrolment, $6.50; and of the Committee on the Revision of the Liturgy, for expenses incurred in prosecuting their work, $92.12.

The Treasurer of Synod was also instructed to pay over to the Board of Publication, certain moneys in his hands, received from the Sunday School of St. John's Church, Lebanon, Pa.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The judgment of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, in regard to the several items reported by them as Irregularities, was approved; the irregularities of the Classis of Maryland, in authorizing one of their number to serve congregations, in the bounds of another Classis, without its permission; and of the Classes of North Carolina and Virginia, in not transmitting copies of their Minutes to Synod, were severally excused, in view of the peculiar circumstances in the midst of which they occurred.

The *Classis of St. Paul*, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classis, requested Synod to acquiesce in the disposition it had

made of the funds collected at the Synod of Carlisle, Pa., for the us of the Rev. Benjamin Boyer, since deceased. This request wa granted.

An appeal of the Rev. William C. Bennet from the action of th Classis of Zion on the injunction of Synod in reference to erasing fro their minutes all that reflects on his moral character, was reported b the Committee on Minutes of Classes. The appeal was referred to committee consisting of the Rev. Martin A. Smith, Frederick A. Ru ley, Milton H. Hockman, and Elders Daniel S. Hall and John Meil to examine the records and documents in the case, and, if in order, t report the manner in which the appeal shall be taken up by Synod.

The action of the Classis of Zion, also reported by the Committe on Minutes of Classes, refusing to comply with the injunction of Syno in the matter referred to in the appeal of Mr. Bennet, was referred t the same committee. This committee submitted their report, whic was received, amended, and then adopted, and which, as adopted, is a follows:

The committee on the appeal of the Rev. William C. Bennet fro the action of the Classis of Zion, respectfully report:

That they have examined the appeal and find that it is in orde The committee, therefore, recommend the following course of action i the case:

(1.) That the appeal of the Rev. William C. Bennet and the actio of the Classis from which he appeals, be read.

(2.) That each party be allowed five minutes to state the case, if the desire it.

(3.) That the case then be decided without debate.

M. A. SMITH, *Chairman.*

The appeal was accordingly taken up, and the documents in th case were read, after which the Rev. William C. Bennet availed hi self of the privilege of occupying five minutes to present the cas The question was then taken on the appeal, and decided in the n gative by the following vote of *yeas* and *nays*.

Yeas.—D. Y. Heisler, D. Gans, S. R. Fisher, J. W. Santee, E. I Higbee, A. L. Dechant, P. S. Fisher, E. Kiefler, R. R. Schmidt, S. Leidy, E. J. Zahm, L. D. Leberman, J. Dahlman.—13.

Nays.—J. P. Stein, C. H. Heilman, J. H. A. Bomberger, J. Ki ling, F. A. Rupley, M. A. Smith, J. G. Shoemaker, M. H. Hockma G. E. Addams, D. Willers, J. Meily, D. S. Hull, C. Santee, J. Wies J. Tice, A. Kiefler, A. Harnish, G. Bachman, J. Gingerich, A. He ler, J. Daubenspeck, D. Moyer, and H. Dreisbach.—23.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, The establishment of the General Synod contemplat the division of the present Eastern and Western Synods into small district or provincial Synods—and whereas, the more complete or

zation of the Church and administration of her interests would be promoted by such division; therefore,

Resolved—That the propriety of dividing this Synod into two or more provincial Synods be submitted to the consideration of the Classes of this Synod at their next annual meetings; and should such a division be deemed desirable, that proper application be made to the next General Synod for this purpose.

Resolved—That the desirableness of having the General Synod meet annually, instead of triennially, be hereby submitted to the consideration of the Classes at their next annual meetings.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

PUBLICATION.

The following report was received from the Board of Publication, and referred to the Committee on Publication:

PUBLICATION BOARD REPORT.

The Board of Publication respectfully submit the following report, for the year ending October 1st, 1865.

The Board has had frequent meetings during year, and have given all the attention in their power, to the important interests intrusted to their care. Their labors have been attended with varied results.

In compliance with the action of Synod, the Board endeavored to "procure a suitable place in the city of Philadelphia, for the use and purpose of a Publishing House." They regret to say that their efforts in this direction were unsuccessful. They have, however, now leased a suitable room in the buildings in which our printing is executed, of which they expect to get possession on the first of January next. Owing to the failure to secure such a room, they were obliged to carry forward their operations in the face of many difficulties and inconveniences. It was only by the kind indulgence of Mr. James B. Rodgers,

in whose establishment our printing is done, that we had any facilitie at all for doing business with any degree of success.

The Board, immediately after the close of the sessions of the la Synod, adopted means to secure agents to raise the $60,000 contem plated in Synod's action as necessary "to cover the losses by fire, an to carry forward the Publication interests of the Church." They di this without any special instruction from Synod, presuming that was expected of them, inasmuch as the Synod itself failed immediatel to appoint a suitable agent to collect the contemplated amount, as proposed to do in its action. Subscription books were according provided, circulars issued, and agents appointed for the principal citi and other portions of the Church. Some accepted their appointmen Between $500 and $600 were raised in New York, $3,010.80 in Ph ladelphia, $550 in Baltimore, and 500 in Pittsburg. A small amoun was raised in Easton and vicinity, and other contributions also we received from different sections of the Church. The whole amoun realized for this object up to October 1st, is only $5,439.55. Th result has been a source of much disappointment to the Board, f which it feels itself in no way responsible.

One of the agents appointed for the general field, ceased his oper tions after a few efforts, and another was prevented by circumstanc beyond his control, from making any special efforts, though he fr quently had made arrangements to do so. Recently the Board h succeeded in obtaining another agent for the general field, who h labored as his health permitted, in a few remote points of the Churc with as much success as could be expected in the circumstances.

It will devolve upon Synod to devise some more efficient metho if possible, for reaching the contemplated object. Funds must be pr vided to pay off the claims against the Board, as well as to furnis the necessary stock for the contemplated Book Room, and to carry fo ward successfully the other necessary publication operations of t Church.

The Board also took early measures, to increase, if possible, t subscription list of the respective papers of the Church. For th purpose circulars were issued, embodying the action of the Synod Lancaster on the subject, accompanied with an appropriate appe and addressed to every pastor and consistory connected with th Synod. Other means also were resorted to, for the purpose, if poss ble, of awakening a proper interest in this direction. Their labo however, though not without accomplishing something, have n been attended with that favorable result which they had a right expect. There appears to be an unaccountable apathy on this subje showing a deplorable want of proper interest in the progress of t Church, in intelligence and efficiency. The Board are naturally l to ask, whether something cannot be done to remove this reproa from us as a Church, which interferes so vitally with our true pro perity.

The receipts and disbursements have been much larger than t were during any previous year. The income of both the English

German papers, from all sources, has been sufficient to cover the expense of their publication. This result has been owing, in a great measure, to the peculiarly favorable local circumstances, which, to a great extent, have ceased to exsist. Whether any thing of a similar nature will transpire hereafter, is uncertain. The only reliable means of support for our papers, is that which is to be derived from a sufficiently large subscription list. Such a list the Church is abundantly able to furnish, and must furnish, if the papers are to be conducted with vigor and efficiency, and shall subserve the interests they are designed to promote.

As the entire stock of the Book department was destroyed in the burning of the establishment at Chambersburg, efforts were made to furnish a fresh supply, as far as means and circumstances would permit. Something has been done in this way, as the amount of stock on hand will show, but much more must be done, and will be done to to meet the wants of the Church in this direction, as soon as the means and facilities for the purpose are at command.

The actual liabilities of the Board have been decreased $4,716,01, whilst the assets have been increased to the amount of $2,512,02. The actual liabilities last year were found to be $929,55 more than reported. This increase occurred principally in the estimated amount due for paper, which the paper maker could not accurately furnish at the time of making out the report, in consequence of his principal books having been destroyed by fire. This increase, however, was more than made up by sources of income which were not thought of at the time, and consequently not taken into the account in the last year's report.

The Rev. Dr. Benjamin S. Schneck resigned the editorship of the "Kirchenzeitung," at the close of last year. The Board endeavored to prevail on him to withdraw his resignation and furnished every inducement in their power for this purpose. As, however, he continued to press his resignation, the Board at length accepted it with regret, adopting at the same time, a suitable minute on the subject, expressive of their feelings in regard tc the matter, and of their appreciation of his past services. In the circumstances they appointed the Rev. Nicholas Gehr of Philadelphia, who has had considerable experience in editing, to take charge of the paper, until the Synod could make arrangements to supply the editorship permanently. He kindly consented to undertake the service, and has devoted himself to his labors with much zeal and energy. The Board are gratified to be able to state, that as far as facts have come to their knowledge, his labors have been generally well received. It will be necessary for Synod to take measures for permanently filling this important post.

The Board, in accordance with the wishes expressed in different sections of the Church, accepted a proposition from the Rev. Geo. B. Russell of Pittsburg, which was thought reasonable, for the transfer of the "Pastor's Helper," to the control of the Church. Since July

last, it has accordingly been issued by the Board under the title of "The Child's Treasury," and they are pleased to be able to add, with very general acceptance. The subscription list, which at the time of the transfer, was 8025, had increased up to the 1st instant, to 11,168, and the prospects for a still further increase are highly flattering. To continue its issue in its present improved form, a subscription list of at least 20,000 subscribers is necessary to cover all expenses, and this number, and even a much larger one, the Church is able to furnish, and, we trust, will do it in due season.

The issue of the Almanac in the English language has been continued. About 13000 copies were sold last year, not enough, however, to clear it entirely from expense to the Board. The prospects for the present year are better, and we trust the sales will more than make up the small deficiency on last year's issue.

An edition of the small Sabbath School books, which had been stereotyped before the burning of the establishment has been issued. Although the exterior is not just such as the Board originally contemplated, and as they hope to make it in subsequent editions, yet these little works have met with more or less acceptance. It is to be hoped, that the Church, by carrying out its purpose of fully providing for the wants of the Board, will soon place it in a position to furnish all that the wants of the Church need in this direction.

The following is a brief summary of the operations of the past year, and will furnish some idea of the present condition of the Board.

RECEIPTS.

Loans	$4,664 27
Materials from the ruins of the old building sold,	3,581 35
Relief of Publication Board,	5,439 85
Insurance Refunded,	193 65
Books sold, accounts, &c., &c,	7,539 17
Subscriptions to Messenger and Advertising,	10,135 42
" Kirchenzeitung,	4,156 93
" Guardian,	1,347 25
" Child's Treasury,	238 67
	$37,296 56

DISBURSEMENTS.

Principal on former indebtedness,	$10,135 69
Interest and discount, part for 1864,	1,260 90
Binding account,	1,366 00
Freight and repairs on press, and expenses getting out material from the ruins of the old building,	2,165 0-
Paper for Messenger and Kichenzeitung,	4,302 3[illegible]
Percentage and various collection accounts,	713 8[illegible]
Paper for Guardian, Child's Treasury, Hymn Books Catechisms, &c,	2,829 [illegible]
Carried forward,	$22,57[illegible]

Brought forward	$22,573 88
Composition, Presswork, and expediting "Messenger,"	3,904 03
" " " "Kirchenzeitung,"	2,196 07
" " " "Guardian,"	979 28
" " " "Child's Treasury,"	146 25
All other expensess uch as salaries, material, Press-work on books, postage, &c,	6,903 51
	$36,703 02
Less Disbursements than receipts	593 54
	$37,296 56

ASSETS.

Due on accounts for books,	$4,767 49
" Messenger, (estimated)	5,000 00
" Kirchenzeitung, (estimated)	2,500 00
" Guardian, "	500 00
" Child's Treasnry, "	75 00
Stock on hand,	2,751 42
Lot and material unsold,	7,000 00
Paper on hand,	528 14
Shelving,	32 40
	$23,154 45
To this add Stereotype plates,	2,330 00
Assets October 1st, 1865,	$25,484 45
" October 1st, 1864,	22,972 53
Increase of Assets,	$2,511 92

LIABILITIES.

Amount reported last year,	$24,691 69	
Add for deficiency on estimated accounts, principally for paper settled,	928,55	
Corrected amount liabilities October 1st, 1864,	$25,620 24	
Amount of liabilities October 1st, 1865,	20,904 23	
Decrease of liabilities,	$4,716 01	

SUBSCRIBERS TO PERIODICALS.

Messenger regular list,	2,989	
Philadelphia and Baltimore C. Commission,	400	
		3,388
Kirchenzeitung,		2,898
Guardian,	1,127	
Baltimore C. Commission,	100	
		1,227

Child's Treasury,	11,168
Actual increase during the year.	
Messenger,	17
Kirchenzeitung,	218

The Board cannot close this report without making a brief reference to their relation to their business head. These have been pleasant. The Board have only to regret, that from circumstances which could not well be controlled, the great burden of conducting the entire business operations, in connection with editing the Messenger and superintending the publication of the other papers, even to the minutest details, has devolved upon him alone. In consequence of our failure to secure a suitable business place, it was impossible to introduce such help as he needs, and as the proper efficiency of the establishment requires. As things were, he was obliged to do what usually occupies at least three men, and all this had to be attended to, in the midst of great inconvenience for transacting business. All was endured, however, by him without a murmur, doubtless under a full consciousness of the difficulties in the case, and with the prospect of eventually obtaining the relief he requires, and which the Board must furnish as soon as it can be done. For all this, as well as for former services, the Church owes him a debt of gratitude.

On the whole, the result of the operations of the year has been more favorable than we had a right to anticipate in the circumstances, for which we have great reason to be thankful to the *Great Head* of the Church, and from which we should receive renewed impulse to increased and more efficient efforts in behalf of the great interest belonging to this department of Christian labor for the future.

A. B. WINGERD,
President of the Publication Board.

The Committee on Publication submitted the following report, which was received, taken up item by item, and adopted:

Our Publication affairs are fully and very lucidly set forth in the satisfactory report of the Publication Board; which the Synod has placed in the hands of this Committee. From that and the known facts already brought out in the Church papers, we are enabled to present the following considerations to the attention of Synod.

1. Of Funds. The want of sufficient funds to meet the pressing liabilities and carry on the regular operations of our Church Publications, lies at the very threshold of this whole interest. Last year's synodical action on this matter failed to reach the desired end. All the efforts of the Board in this direction resulted in only a very meagre degree of support, and with but small and few responses of aid. The great bulk of the $60,000 voted for this cause remains yet to be raised. This should be provided by the Synod for the use of the Board in the most prompt and efficient way. In view of the magnitude and vit

importance of this interest, the Church ought to be reached by some call which would afford the necessary means, from the abundant resources of our prosperous and liberal membership. And as other plans, such as voluntary offerings, circular appeals and special agents have been tried and have almost entirely, thus far, failed, the operations of a general agency remains yet to be fully tried. Therefore

Resolved—That this Synod proceed to the election of a suitable general agent to canvass the Church immediately, with a view to raise, if possible, the sum resolved upon for this purpose last year.

2. Of a Publishing House. Next to the want of friends is the necessity of an establishment in which our business operations may be conveniently and successfully carried on. It will be for the Synod to decide, whether the Board shall secure for their use a suitable and permanent place out of the funds provided for the general operations of this Board; or whether the Publishing House shall be subject to the more inconvenient and uncertain contingencies of a rented house or garret loft accommodations. To reach an expression of the mind of the Synod, we offer for approval the following resolution:

Resolved, That as soon as the Board be able, should a suitable and favorable opportunity be afforded, they are hereby authorized to secure, for the use of the Publishing establishment, such a place as is needed for editorial apartments, a general depository and sales-room.

3. Of the Periodicals. The gratifying fact that our publications have been self-sustaining during the reign of high prices, as appears from the Board's report, is a matter for devout thankfulness. Special circumstances, however, which contributed to this end, are no longer to be depended on. It will, therefore, be the duty of the Church to put forth renewed and general efforts to increase, to a very considerable extent, the circulation of the Messenger, the Kirchenzeitung, the Guardian, and the Child's Treasury, as well as the Almanac. The following resolution is, therefore, suggested for adoption:

Resolved, That this Synod, with strong emphasis, hereby renews the action taken on this subject last year, and enjoins upon the several Classes the duty of taking such measures, in behalf of an increased circulation of our Church papers, as will put one or more of them, especially the Messenger and Kirchenzeitung, in every family in the several parishes within their bounds.

4. Of the Book Department. With the adequate provisions for an establishment where our publications can be kept, will also come, at the same time, facilities for maintaining a proper Book Department. This, if well managed, would become a source of profit to the Church, and a convenience to our ministers and others. Not only our own hymn books, catechisms, &c., could be kept, but also standard books and stationery could be kept for sale, to meet such wants of our ministers and people, and leaving the reasonable profits in the treasury of our Church, instead of giving it into other hands.

More vigorous efforts also, on a greatly enlarged plan, should be at once made, to get out our long talked of Church Literature. Not a

few small books only, but fifty or one hundred volumes, ought ve
soon to be issued. Five or ten thousand dollars, perhaps, would, ho
ever, be needed to provide material means for this purpose alone.
fair start once made in this direction, the movement itself would he
to increase success. Without, however, entering into a full consid
ration of this part of the great and important interest, so fundamen
ally involving the prosperity and success of our Church, in the tru
committed to the Publication Board, we offer for consideration t
following action:

Resolved, That the best and largest possible efforts be made to bri
out the Denominational Books, suitable for the Sunday Schools a
families of our Reformed Church; and that the Board of Publicati
devote to this end, as much of the funds raised for their use by t
Church, as may not be absolutely needed for meeting the present li
bilities and other necessary expenses of the Board.

5. Financial condition. During the last year the aggregate liabil
ties of the Publication Board have decreased $4,716.01, and the gro
assets have increased $2,511.92—making a gain of $7,227.93,
which, however, there was contributed for relief, for losses by t
burning of Chambersburg, $5,439.88. The present assets amount
$25,484.45, and the present debts only $20,904.23; thus leaving t
condition at least solvent. Therefore,

Resolved, That for the measureably good condition of this fun
notwithstanding all adverse circumstances which have befallen it, w
owe to Almighty God our hearty thanksgiving.

Resolved, That our Reformed Church has reason to take new cou
age, and hereby pledges to her Publishing interests, her earnest an
cordial aid and hearty support; and do, therefore, hereby commen
the proposed agency to the full sympathy and liberal co-operation
our people.

6. Of German Editor. The resignation of Rev. Dr. B. S. Schneck
as editor of the German paper, made it necessary for the Board to a
point, temporarily, the Rev. N. Gehr to that chair. It will be for th
Synod to take into consideration the propriety of electing an editor
the Reformirte Kirchenzeitung.

Resolved, That the Synod designate Wednesday morning, for th
election of an Editor of the above named paper.

Respectfully submitted

GEO. B. RUSSELL, *Chairman.*

Elders John Meily, Adam B. Wingerd, and John Wiest, were a
pointed a committee to nominate a suitable person as General Agen
to take charge of the interest referred to in the first resolution of th
above report. This committee subsequently reported, nominating th
Rev. Benjamin Bausman, whereupon he was elected by acclamatio

The election of an editor for the "Reformirte Kirchenzeitung" w
taken up at the time proposed by the Committee on Publication.

The Classis of East Pennsylvania, as reported by the Committe

Minutes of Classes, took action in reference to the publication of a paper of such simple character as shall adapt it to the wants of Pennsylvania Germans. This action was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Peter S. Fisher, Levi K. Derr, Ephraim Kieffer, and Elders Samuel S. Leidy and Peter Faust. The report of this committee was received in this connection. The committee recommended, "that immediate and suitable measures be adopted, either to have the "Kirchenzeitung" made more popular, or that such other action be taken, as may meet the pressing wants of our Pennsylvania German portion of the Church." After the subject was fully discussed, it was

Resolved, That this Synod deem it inexpedient to change the present excellent character of the "Kirchenzeitung."

It was further

Resolved, That the propriety of publishing another German paper, to meet the popular heart of the Eastern Pennsylvania Germans, be referred to a special committee, and that said committee coöperate with the Board of Publication in the matter of its appointment, with full power to act in the case.

This action was substituted for the report of the committee under consideration, and the report, as amended by this substitute, adopted.

The committee called for in the foregoing resolution, consists of the Rev. William A. Helfrich, Charles H. Leinbach, and Peter S. Fisher.

The Rev. Nicholas Gehr was unanimously elected Editor of the "Reformirte Kirchenzeitung."

The committee appointed by the Synod at Lancaster, to dispose of the property of the Printing Establishment, at Chambersburg, submitted the following report, which was adopted, and the committee continued:—

The undersigned, appointed by the last Synod with authority, in connection with the Board of Trustees, to make sale of the property of the Printing Establishment, at Chambersburg, personal and real, respectfully reports as follows:

The Trustees of Synod appointed the Rev. B. Bausman to co-operate with him in effecting the sale contemplated by Synod. The loose property, on the lot of the Printing Establishment, has been sold to the best advantage, and the proceeds thereof appropriated to the payment of the debts of the Board of Publication. Several efforts have been made to effect the sale of the lot, with the brick and stone upon it. They have, however, thus far been unsuccessful. The prospects of a speedy sale are now more favorable, and it is hoped that this object will be accomplished in the course of the present fall or winter.

Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL R. FISHER.

The following report was received from the Stated Clerk, in regard

to the publication of the Minutes of the last annual Synod, a
adopted:—

The undersigned, as Stated Clerk of Synod, would respectfully
port—

That agreeably to the instructions of Synod, he caused three th
sand copies of the Proceedings of the last annual sessions to be print
two thousand in the English and one thousand in the German l
guage, and distributed them among those entitled to receive the
Much to his regret, their issue was delayed by the printer beyond t
usual time. This arose from circumstances beyond his control, whi
are not likely to exist hereafter. The cost of publication was $1,39
75, which has been paid by the Treasurer of Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL R. FISHER,
Stated Clerk.

The Classis of New York, as reported by the Committee on Minut
of Classes, requested Synod to have forms for statistical reports print
for the use of the Classes. The Stated Clerk was authorized to ha
such forms printed in blank.

The following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That the Rev. Benjamin Bausman be requested to furni
a copy of the sermon preached by him at the opening of the Syno
for publication in the "German Reformed Messenger."

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The following report was received from the committee continued b
the last Synod to prepare a Digest of the Proceedings of Synod:—

The undersigned, as Chairman of the Committee, to prepare a D
gest of the Minutes of Synod, respectfully reports—

That no further progress has been made, during the past year, i
the work committed to their care. This result is owing mainly to

fact, that the engagements of the Chairman were such as to allow him no time for the duties assigned the committee. As this state of things is likely to continue, the Chairman must ask that he either be discharged from his position as Chairman of the Committee, or that the subject itself be indefinitely postponed.

Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL R. FISHER.

The report was adopted, and the committee continued, after being reconstructed, so as to consist of the Rev. Dr. H. Harbaugh, Dr. Samuel R. Fisher, Benjamin Bausman, George B. Russell, Professor Theodore Appel, and Elder John Rodenmayer.

The committee on the Tercentenary Enrolment submitted the following report, which was received and adopted, and the committee continued:—

The committee on the Tercentenary Enrolment of our Church Membership, would respectfully report—

In compliance with the request of the Synod of last year, the several Classes adopted measures at their meetings last spring to complete the enrolment of the congregations within their respective limits. The committee endeavored, through the Stated Clerks of the Classes, to have the enrolment so completed as to be able to report to this Synod that it was finished. In this they have been disappointed. The Stated Clerks did all in their power to perform their part of the work, but were not able to do all they were willing to do, by the delinquencies of some pastors. The work is, therefore, not yet completed. In every Classis there are one or more congregations and charges which have not yet made an enrolment of their membership. As there seems to be no insuperable obstacles in the way, the committee recommend that the efforts to secure the completion of the enrolment of our Church membership be continued.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN BECK, *Chairman.*

The committee on the Revision of the Provisional Liturgy, submitted the following report:—

In behalf of the Committee appointed last year to revise the Provisional Liturgy, the following report is respectfully submitted to Synod at this time:

In conformity with the order accompanying their appointment, the Committee has addressed itself, earnestly and vigorously, to the task committed to their hands. They have held three general meetings, two in Lancaster, in the months of March and June, and one in Frederick City, *in the month* of August, comprising altogether twenty-one

The Committee wish to ki
of hymns attached to the Pr
to have this also revised, wit
Book for common church u
lished without hymns?

The travelling expenses
thus far in attending its me
dollars and twelve cents (92.
asked to provide payment.

Oct. 1865.

The report was received an
the Rev. Daniel Gans, E. E.
ders Dr. A. F. Shelly and E
mitted their report. It was r
report, as adopted, is as follow

The committee to whom wa
on the Revision of the Provis
following:

The report states that the c
with the task assigned them—
gress, and express the convicti
full completion by the close of

The items of the report req
following:

at present, inasmuch as the preparation of Hymn Books for use in the Church belongs to the General Synod.

3d. The expenses of the Liturgy Committee, in attending to their work, amount to $92.12.

In regard to this item, we recommend that Synod give the Chairman of the Liturgical Committee an order on the Treasurer of Synod, covering the above amount.

Respectfully submitted.

DANIEL GANS, *Chairman.*

The second item in the report was referred to the General Synod.

In this connection the Rev. Dr. John H. A. Bomberger obtained permission to make some remarks on the Liturgical Revision.

The Committee on Overtures reported a communication from the pastors and elders constituting, a German Conference, held in the city of Philadelphia, in September last, containing certain requests. This communication was referred to a committee, consisting of the Rev. Ephraim Kieffer, Dietrich Willers, William H. H. Snyder, and Elders George Sheip and John Moyer. This committee reported. Their report was received, amended and then adopted. The report, as adopted, is as follows:—

The committee appointed to consider and report on the petition of the Conference of German Ministers and Elders, held in Philadelphia, September 19th and 20th, 1865, respectfully report as follows:

The request of those brethren is two-fold:

1. They desire that measures be instituted to secure a German Professorship in the Theological Seminary. Your committee are of the opinion, that this request should be granted as soon as the means can be provided; not only because we are German in name and origin, and a great proportion of the Church is German in fact, but also, in view of the fact, that promises have been repeatedly made, that such a Professorship should exist in the Seminary, and would therefore recommend the adoption of a resolution to this effect.

2. They also request, that the study of the German language be required of all the Theological students in Franklin and Marshall College, and that this language be put on the same footing as the ancient languages. We are of the opinion, that these brethren labor under a misapprehension with regard to the College. It is not strictly a denominational institution; and it is, therefore, not competent for the Synod to make such a requirement. It is nevertheless gratifying to know, that it is a standing rule in the College, to require of all students the study of German.

But as there is a large interest in the College outside of the Church, *represented by* one-third in the Board of Trustees, it is pro-

per to give a dispensation in favor of those who do not desire to stu this language. But such dispensations are not given to those w belong to our Church.

In reference to this request, the committee would recommend t following resolution:

Resolved, That Synod respectfully deem it inexpedient to enterta this request.

Respectfully submitted,

E. KEIFFER, *Chairman.*

The recommendation in the above report in regard to the Germ Professorship, was attended to in connection with the action of Syn on the report of the Committee of the Theological Seminary.

The Committee on Overtures reported a communication from t Rev. Samuel Miller, in regard to the propriety of creating a Busine Convention, to be composed of laymen of the German Reformed Churc This communication was referred to a committee, consisting of Elde Adam B. Wingerd, Charles Santee, Edwin J. Zahm, John Wiest a John Meily. This committee reported. Their report was receive but as the propositions it submits, are of such a nature as to requi mature deliberation before their adoption, the whole subject was la over for consideration until the next meeting of Synod. The rep of the committee is as follows:

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church.

The committee to whom was referred a paper, signed by the Re Samuel Miller, proposing a plan for a convention of business men the German Reformed Church, to be held at the same time and pla with the meeting of Synod, and to be made up of men representi the business talent of the Church, who, the author of the paper allege are not as a rule eligible to a seat in Synod, respectfully report—

That they do not deem it expedient to recommend to Synod t calling of a convention such as is contemplated by the paper in the hands, for the following reasons:—

1. Because it would involve a radical change in our Church org nization, based upon the idea, that the people are not already fair represented in our present order of church government.

2. The proposed convention would be a large body without a legitimate authority or power to pass finally upon any subject broug to its attention, and instead of simplifying the business of Synod, woul render it more cumbrous and complex.

3. This convention is called for, because it is assured that there a large amount of latent financial talent in the Church, not eligible Synod, or through the regular channels of church authority.

Your committee agree with the author of the paper under consider

tion, that there is considerable unemployed talent in the Church, but believe it can be reached more quickly, and used more effectively, by putting into operation the power already at hand for that purpose, in our form of government.

For these reasons, we do not deem it proper to recommend to Synod the adoption of the plan passed into our hands for consideration, but beg leave, instead of it, to make the following suggestions:—

1. That Synod shall appoint a Board of Finance, consisting of one member from each Classis, which Board shall meet at least four times a year, and shall have general supervision over the financial affairs of the Church. With a view to carrying out the work assigned it, this Board shall appoint a Corresponding Secretary, who shall act under its direction.

2. This Board shall, in conjunction with the various Boards connected with this Synod, make an annual estimate of the amounts required to carry forward the operations of the Church, including Publication, Missions, Education, Church Extension, Widows' Fund, Orphans' Home, and Contingent Expenses of Synod, apportioning these amounts among the various Classes under the care of Synod, and shall report the amounts of appropriation and apportionment to Synod, with a view to their correction and adoption.

3. Classes shall be required to meet annually, in special session, within one month after the adjournment of Synod, to apportion the sums required of them among the congregations within their bounds, and shall require each pastor to convene his consistory, or consistories, as soon as practicable after the adjournment of Classes, that measures may be taken in each congregation to collect the sums assessed upon it, as its share of the fund for general Church purposes.

4. The member of the Board of Finance in each Classis, shall require from its Treasurer quarterly statements of the aggregate amount collected within its bounds, together with a return of the amount paid by each congregation. He shall report, at the next stated meeting of the Board of Finance, the name or names of delinquents, when measures may be taken by the Board to reach the non-paying congregations, with a view to arouse them to a sense of their duty.

5. The Board of Finance shall make annual report to Synod of the amount paid by each Classis, and the names of such as have failed to comply with the demands of Synod, together with such other items, bearing upon the financial affairs of the Church, as may be of interest or importance.

Respectfully submitted.

A. B. WINGERD,
JOHN MEILY,
JOHN WIEST,
EDWARD J. ZAHM,
CHARLES SANTEE,
Committee.

The Committee on Overtures reported a letter from the offic the Classis of Virginia. It was read as recommended by the mittee. Some explanatory remarks were made by the Rev. Jac Miller, concerning the condition of our ministers and churches i Valley of Virginia, in which he announced the death of the John H. Crawford, as having occurred in September 1864. letter was then referred to a special committee, with instructio draft a minute expressive of the fraternal sympathies of Sy consisting of the Rev. George B. Russell, Dietrich Willers, Josep Santee, George W. Williard, and Elders Abraham Harnish Abraham Brown. This committee submitted the following re which was received and adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the item in the repo the Committee on Overtures, relative to the condition of our mini and people within the bounds of the Virginia Classis, repo follows:

That the extraordinary state of things, as brought to the atten of this Synod in the letter signed by the officers of that Classis, w has been laid before us, calls for an expression of cordial and fr nal sympathy in behalf of our brethren suffering under the chaste hand of the Lord.

They, therefore, recommend that something like the follo brief letter be forwarded to that Classis, in the name of this Sy signed by the officers:

To the Rev. Classis of Virginia of the Reformed Church.—I Brethren in the Lord: The Synod of the Church of our Refor fathers has learned from your letter here presented, of your sad distressed condition; and it is hereby desired to express to you the people under your care, our most hearty feelings of regard. Ch tian sympathy, brotherly kindness and charity.

While our divine Lord has taught us to mingle our sorrows well as our joys,—mourning with those who mourn, and weeping those who weep;—we cannot but feel for our brethren, who may in calamity and distress. The communion of saints is not limited outward relations of either prosperity or adversity; and the apost command to do good unto all men, but especially to them of household of faith, makes it a plain duty to afford relief to those es cially among our brethren, who may need our help.

While, therefore, we sincerely regret that adverse circumstan have prevented you from sending delegates to meet with the breth in Synod assembled regularly, during the last four years, we now press the hope that, with God's blessing, you may soon be able reorganize your scattered and desolated congregations and past charges, and that you will resume your regular Classical meeti and hereafter send delegates to mingle with us in our Synods, an present, in person, the condition of our beloved Reformed Churc your bounds.

To this end, we feel it to be a duty and privilege to evoke in your behalf, the free and liberal offerings of these more favored portions of our Zion,—so that your people, our brethren in one common Lord and Saviour, be fed and clothed as to their bodies, and be provided for, also, as to their spiritual wants; for we are reminded of that Scripture which says, "Whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, *how* dwelleth the the love of God in him?"

Receive, therefore, beloved, these our Christian salutations, in the name of our Synod, and be prepared also to accept, in the name of Christ Jesus, the kindly offerings of the brethren, who will forward you material relief, through a committee appointed for that purpose.

Mean while, admonishing you not to despise the chastenings of the Lord, and praying that He will in due time lift you out of all your sorrows, we bless you in the name of the Triune God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, with grace, mercy and, *peace!* Amen.

——— ———, *President.*

——— ———, *Secretary.*

The Synod should also call upon the Church in general, through the Church papers, for clothing, household supplies, and pecuniary aid, which might be put into the hands of a special committee for distribution—not only among the destitute in Virginia, but also in North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. RUSSELL, *Chairman*

The Stated Clerk was instructed to transmit a copy of the above letter to the brethren of the Classis of North Carolina also.

In connection with this subject, the following paper was also adopted:

The committee of the Maryland Branch of the American Union Commission, respectfully ask to commend the following resolutions in behalf of the suffering ministers and members of Reformed Churches, and others in those States impoverished by the late war.

1. *Resolved*, That, as a Church, we are religiously bound to remember those that suffer adversity, and especially those of our own household of faith.

2. *Resolved*, That this subject be favorably commended to our congregations, with the hope that our people will contribute liberally toward the relief of such of our ministers, members and others, who have been impoverished by the late war, in the Shenandoah Valley, in Salisbury, and Greensboro', N. C., and in other sections of the country, without respect to denomination, which may be reached through the Maryland Branch of the Union Commission, of which Elder G. S. Griffith is President.

4. *Resolved, That* Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Fisher, Jacob O. Miller,

and Elder Charles Santee be authorized to take charge of contri tions from our Church, and act in concert with the Union Comm sion.

The Classis of Lebanon, as reported by the committee on Minu of Classes, requested Synod to take some notice of the public feel in the Church, in regard to the Franklin and Marshall College. T request was referred to the Board of Trustees of Franklin and M shall College.

The same Classis as reported by the same committee, reques Synod to consider the propriety of establishing a Female Semina This subject was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. D iel Gans, Samuel H. Giesy, Benjaman Bausman, and Elders Cha Santee and John Wiest, with instructions to report at the next me ing of Synod.

Rev. William M. Reily communicated to Synod the fraternal gards of Father Samuel Gutelius, for the brethren of Synod, with prayers for God's blessings upon their proceedings.

At the request of the Historical Society, Tuesday evening was signed, as the time for holding the annual meeting, which was acco ingly held at that time.

In the early stage of the sessions, the Rev. Lawrence D. Leb man, Joseph W. Santee, and Elder Abraham Harnish, were appoin a committee through whom all applications for leave of absence ar come before Synod. The committee reported such applications fr time to time.

The Committee on Nominations reported on the morning of sixth day of the Sessions. The report was received, amended adopted. The election was ordered to take place on the afternoo the seventh day of the sessions, at the opening of the session, and Stated Clerk was instructed to have the necessary number of co of the nominations printed for the use of Synod. At the time pointed the election was held. Rev. Nehemiah H. Skyles and El Abraham Kieffer, were appointed tellers, who received the bal and reported the results.

On the afternoon of the seventh day of the sessions, a letter received from Prof. Bliss, of the Baptist University, located at Le burg, inviting the Synod to visit the institution. The invitation accepted, and 4½ o'clock that afternoon was fixed upon as the time making the visit.

On the morning of the eighth day of sessions, the Rev. Be

Bausman, obtained permission to make some statements in regard to the Orphan's Home at Bridesburg, Pa. At the close of his remarks, a resolution was adopted, recommending the institution to the general favor of the Church.

On the afternoon of the eight day of the sessions, with a view to expedite business, a resolution was adopted, limiting the speakers to five minutes on all subjects thereafter discussed.

ARTICLE XXII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the pastor and members of the German Reformed Church, and to the citizens of Lewisburg and vicinity, for the kind and hospitable entertainment afforded its members while in their annual sessions among them, and that we invoke the blessing of the Great Head of the Church to rest upon them.

Resolved, That the *pastor loci* be requested to read this resolution from the pulpit, and have it inserted in the papers of the place.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be requested to tender the thanks of this body to the Superintendents of the Northern Central, Lebanon Valley, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia and Erie, Cumberland Valley, East Pennsylvania, Philadelphia and Reading Railroads, for permitting its members to pass over their roads at reduced fare.

The roll was called and none were found absent without permission.

The Minutes were read and adopted, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet in the English Reformed Church, in York, York county, Pa., on the third Wednesday in October, A. D., 1866, at 7½ o'clock. P. M.

The Synod was dismissed with singing and prayer, and the apostolic benediction by the President.

SAMUEL R. FISHER,
President.

GEORGE B. RUSSELL,
Temporary Clerk.

A true copy from the original Minutes.

SAMUEL R. FISHER,
Stated Clerk.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Bener. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Joseph S. Dubbs,	5	Egypt, Union, &c.,	1200	900	262	44		822		4	77	10		$165 21	Ironton, Lehigh County, Penna.
John Zulich,	6	Jacobs, &c.,*	1215	918				925				12			Steinsville, do do do
Wm. A. Helfrich,	8	Ziegel,	1563	1530	122	80		1106		5	73	9	765		Fogelsville, do do do
J. S. Hermann,	8	Kutztown,	1875	1305	134	64	8	1520		9	40	10		300 00	Kutztown, Berks do do
Charles Becker,	5	Chestnut Hill,*	550	425				400				6			Fennersville, Monroe county do
Cyrus J. Becker,	3	Catasauqua,	450		90	27	3	370			20	5		261 85	Catasauqua, Lehigh do do
Alfred J. Hermann,	7	Zion,	1030	1100	120	64		968			20	10		83 10	Maxatawny, Berks do do
Daniel F. Brendle,	4	Farmersville,	610	500	95	24		500			30	8		151 31	Bethlehem, Northampton Co., Pa
Isaac K. Loos,	4	Mount Bethel,	591	475	71	24	8	467	2	4	17	8		186 63	Richmond, do do
John Beck,	1	Easton,	660	450	53	33	4	400			25	2	450	350 00	Easton, do do
Levi K. Derr,	2	Tamaqua,	510	505	87	45	2	415			39	2	350	596 49	Tamaqua, Schuylkill do
Daniel Y. Heisler,	3	Bethlehem,	800	700	64	28	30	625		6	43	3		391 89	Bethlehem, Northampton do
Ernest W. Reinecke,	3	Plainfield,	762	592	82	25		685			35	4		146 40	Nazareth, do do
William R. Hofford,	4	Lower Saucon,	510	425	48	5		392		6	20	7		121 56	Allentown, Lehigh do
George B. Dechant,	3	Hamilton,	275	250	28	9		166		3	14	4		50 71	Fennersville, Monroe do
Abr. Bartholomew,	3	Weissport,	490	510	63	17		279			16	5		36 75	Lehighton, Carbon do
F. Jahnke,															
J. S. Strassburger,	1	Allentown,	750	460	69	34	5	384		3	53	1	415	287 54	Allentown, Lehigh do
N. Robt. Lisberger,	5	Kreidersville,	1060	1100	112	56		985				5			Kreidersville, Northampton do
Paul Wald,		Chaplain,													Luthersburg, Clearfield do
John Sykes,	1	South Easton,	55		12	1	5	43			8	1		10 00	Easton, Northampton do
Edward J. Fogel,		Assist. to Rev. Helfrich,													Fogelsville, Lehigh do
George W. Glessner,	2	Wilkesbarre,	75	60	3	4		55				1	70		Frederick, Md.

* Report of previous year.

CLASSIS OF LEBANON.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Communi-cants.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'rs.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Philip Mayer,		Without charge,													Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
John Gring,	4	Fredericksburg,	327	282	277	38	8				9	4			Fredericksburg, Lebanon do
Augustus L. Herman,	9	Hamburg, &c.,	1500		1315	212	100				58	12	1200		Reading, Berks do
Henry Wagner,	5	Orwigsburg,	381		226	46	15		2		22	7			Lebanon, Lebanon do
Jacob Klein,	2	Schuylkill Haven,	650	300	516	145	67		2		53	6	300	$103 14	Sch. Haven, Schuylkill do
Aaron S. Leinbach,	6	Schwartzwald, &c.,	900		800	174					89	7		103 34	Reading, Berks do
Franklin W. Kremer,	1	First Ch., Lebanon,	800	700	500	105	43	10	9		37	1		242 24	Lebanon, Lebanon do
William A. Good,		Without charge,				2					2	1	200		Reading, Berks do
Jonathan E. Hiester,	4	Palmyra,	407	295	275	31	9				18	4		53 56	Annville, Lebanon do
Charles F. McCauley,	1	Second Ch., Reading.	200		190	25	9	10			10	1			Reading, Berks do
George Wolff,	1	Meyerstown,	380	280	265	68			6	1	21	1	200	100 00	Meyerstown, Lebanon do
Thomas C. Leinbach,	7	Bernville,	1000	600	800	125	8				50	8			Womelsdorf, Berks do
David W. Wolff,	2	Mahanoy City,													Meyerstown, Lebanon do
U. Henry Heilman,	2	Jonestown,	280	210	185	22	19		1		9	4	125	24 75	Jonestown, Lebanon do
H. Harbaugh, D.D.,		Prof. in Theol. Sem.													Mercersburg, Franklin do
Samuel Miller,		Without charge,													Pottsville, Schuylkill do
Benjamin Bausman,	1	First Ch., Reading,	1050		875	83	71	39	8		54	1	600	945 00	Reading, Berks do
T. S. Johnston, D.D.,	1	St. John's Ch., Leban'n	110	89	70	6		9	6		3	1			Lebanon, Lebanon do
John P. Stein,	2	St. John's, Sch. Haven,	67		50	6			2		3	1		26 00	Sch. Haven, Schuylkill do
Herman Bokum,		Chaplain in Hospital,													Philadelphia, do
J. Caspar Bucher,	1	Pottsville,	62	83	62	15		22			7	1	105	217 25	Pottsville, Schuylkill do
Eli E. Hiester,	3	Hanover,	200	175	100	2					1	3			Grantville, Dauphin do
J. C. Julius Kurtz,	2	Tremont, Donaldson,	35			20	5				5			11 75	Pinegrove, Schuylkill do
William Rupp,	2	St. Clair,	125	105	82	13	20				6	2	160	8 75	St. Clair, Schuylkill do
Charles H. Leinbach,	5	Tulpehocken,	900		825	77		5			30	2	200		Stouchsburg, Berks do
	2	Womelsd'f,* Mt. Ætna,	300	240	265		36	20	10		15	2	70		
John B. Poerner,	2	Minersville,	450	200	370							7			Minersville, Schuylkill do

* Supplied by Rev. Geo. Wolff.

CLASSIS OF ZION.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'rs.	Benev. Contribu'n.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Daniel Ziegler,	3	York (German,)	432	204	60	20	19	330			29	3	180	$73 50	York, York Co., Pa.
Jacob Sechler,	4	Littlestown,	500	300	45	27	4	460	3		24	4		87 34	Littlestown, Adams county, Pa.
F. W. Vandersloot,	4	Windsor,	300	250	45	11		260			22	4			York, York do
Daniel Riegel,	3	Dillsburg,	449	227	21	12		244			17	3			Dillsburg, York Co., Pa.
Jacob Ziegler,	4	Conowago,	287	210	21	1	3	280			14	3		115 35	York, do
Wm. C. Bennet,		Without charge,													Boiling Springs, do
David Bossler,	5	Liverpool,	138					138				5		24 00	York, do
Jacob O. Miller,	1	York (English,)	300	325	28	15	4	200	1		10	2		350 00	do do
Daniel Gring,	6	Shrewsbury,	480	325	52	44	1	395			30	8		89 00	Shrewsbury, York Co., Pa.
Wm. K. Zieber,	2	Hanover,	677	450	54	31	17	450	6		20	5	350	404 49	Hanover, do
J. M. Mickley,		(Army Chaplain,)													Cashtown, Adams Co., Pa.
Samuel Philips,	1	Carlisle,	369	307	25	17	15	287	8		8	1	300	300 00	Carlisle, do
John Ault,	5	Mechanicsburg,	262	200	23	31	4	230			10	4			Mechanicsburg, do
David E. Klopp,	2	Zion's,	278	275	15	6		260	6		5	4	130	149 00	Blain, Perry Co., do
W. F. P. Davis,	5	Abbottstown,	500	300	51	27	25	419	5		14	5			New Oxford, do
David W. Kelley,	4	Bloomfield,	314	180	21	14	7	260			9	4	200	173 03	Bloomfield, Perry Co., do
W. R. H. Deatrich,	2	Gettysburg,	356	204	44	37	8	340	7	1	12	2	148	179 67	Gettysburg, do
Jacob D. Zehring,	4	Emmanuel's,	610	400	74	72		576			22	4		75 00	Codorus, York Co., do
Wm. D. Lefevre,	3	Sulphur Springs,	223	154	4		4	164	4		1	3			Carlisle, do
James A. Schultz,	4	Landisburg,	395	360	22	14	5	350	3		4	7	140	150 00	Landisburg, Perry Co., do
Vacant,	4	Paradise,	700	550	55	10		480			27	5		65 50	York, do
Vacant,	3	York Springs,													
Sup. by W. K. Zieber,	1	St. Bartholomew's,													

CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfi'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'rs.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Edmund R. Eschbach,	1	1st Church, Baltimore,	218	210	23	14	6	173	3		18	2	180	$1110 00	Baltimore, Maryland.
Vacant,	1	2d do do													do do
John S. Foulk,	1	3d do do	246	180	18	12	8	210	4		13	1	240	281 75	do do
John Kuelling,	1	4th do do	550	300	136	18	68	500	35		39	1	170	308 00	do do
D. Zacharias, D.D.,	1	Frederick City,	480	400	55	15	15	440			48	2	435	300 00	Frederick City, do
Frederick A. Rupley,	1	Middletown,	370	340	38	17	3	350	15		23	4	250	110 00	Middletown, Frederick Co., Md.
Wm. F. Colliflower,	3	Jefferson,	303	289	9	5		286	4		18	3	150	40 50	Jefferson, do do
Joseph W. Santee,	4	Cavetown,	385	293	32	16	1	375	6			4	113	50 00	Cavetown, Washing'n Co., do
Nicholas E. Gilds,	5	Taneytown,	500	430	49	46		380	23		21	4		53 43	Taneytown, Carroll Co., Md.
Mortimer L. Shuford,	3	Mount Moriah,	155	102	8	2	5	135			2	2	100	3 00	Boonsboro', Washington Co., Md.
John W. Hoffmeier,	6	Manchester,	500	190	56	13		450	12		27	6		100 00	Manchester, Carroll do
Jesse Steiner,	4	Glade,	389	280	34	15	4	350	2		3	3	200	90 00	Walkersville, Frederick do
John M. Titzel,	2	Emmittsburg,	333	259	16	14	3	302	13		10	2	40	127 60	Emmittsburg, do do
Moses A. Stewart,	1	Burkittsville,	75	45	16	2	1	73	1		3	1	55	5 00	Burkittsville, do do
Henry I. Comfort,	4	Mechanicstown,	255	186	17	23	5	230	4		11	2	120	57 00	Mechanicstown, do do
Henry Wissler,		Shepherdstown,													Shepherdstown, Virginia.
Vacant,	2	Boonsboro,*	125	69	12	5	13	95	6		1	2	110	9 65	Boonsboro', Maryland.
Vacant,	3	Clearspring,	103	89				103							Clearspring, do
Marcus Bachman,	1	5th Church, Baltimore,	334	265	86	26	58	330	40		22	1	130	99 66	Baltimore, do
Benj. Schneider, D.D.,		Foreign Missionary,													Aintab, Syria.
Vacant,	1	2d Ch., Hagerstown,	136	68	7			116				1	73		Hagerstown, do
Vacant,	1	St. John's, Frederick,	75	90	12			65			4	1	80	12 00	Frederick, do
Robert Douglas,		Without charge,													Shepherdstown, Virginia.
W. H. Zimmerman,		do do													Frederick, Maryland.
Geo. L. Staley,		do do													Petersville, Frederick Co., Md.
Peter A. Schwartz,		Missionary,													Greenfield, Mass.
Joseph S. Loose,		Without charge,													Greencastle, Pa.
Harrison Getzendaner,		Licentiate,													Frederick, Maryland.
Vacant,	2	Hagerstown,	290	220		1	3	200	5		8	2	150	88 00	Hagerstown, do
Vacant,	1	Silver Run,†	380		30			280			17				Silver Run, Carroll Co., Md.

* Supplied by Rev. M. L. Shuford. † Supplied by Rev. J. Sechler.

CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Known.	Diminished.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
John C. Hensel,	5	Rockingham,	257					200				4	Mount Crawford, Virginia.
Daniel Feete,	3	Woodstock,	190					190				5	Philadelphia, Pa.
Daniel G. Bragonier,	2	Martinsburg,	157					157				1	Edenburg, do
George H. Martin,	1	Loudon,	110					110				1	Woodstock, do
Henry St. John Rinker,	4	Mill Creek,	255					255				3	Hamburg, do
	3	Middlebrook,	158					158				1	
	2	Central,	45					45				1	
	2	Shepherdstown and Winchester,	145					155				2	
	1	Martinsburg (German),	112					112				1	
Vacant,	1	Pendleton,											

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms,	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S.S.Sch'rs.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
S. Helffenstein, D.D.,		Superannuated,													Gwynedd, Montgomery Co., Pa.
J. H. A. Bomberger, "	1	Race Street,	284	177	5	8	11	234				3	750	$8449 65	No. 493 N. 4th St., Phila., do
Nicholas Gehr,	1	Zion's,	627	413	171	40	27	600		24	67	2	300	368 70	No. 1230 N. 6th do do
John G. Wiehle,	1	Salem's,	1016	272	477	119	151	1478		3	183	3	545	1203 25	No. 530 St. John do do
S. G. Wagner,	1	Boehm's,	226	102	23	20		193		1	9	1	110	127 10	Blue Bell, Montgomery Co., do
Jesse B. Knipe,	3	Pikeland,	160	90	15	15		160				4	120	650 00	Chester Springs, Chester co., do
Alfred B. Shenkle,	4	Trappe,	533	72	11	4		350			5	4	300	340 00	Trappe, Montgomery Co., do
William Sorber,	3	Brownback's,	315	45	23	18	4	315			7	3	200	154 44	Vincent, Chester Co., do do
N. S. Aller,	1	Pleasantville,	150	30			3	150			2	1		25 00	Prospectville, Montg. do do
W. G. Hackman,	1	Wentz's,	220	71	16	14		175			5	1	120	70 00	Kulpsville, do do
Samuel H. Giesy,	1	Christ Church,	120	65	17	3	19	104		5	7	1	210	4209 42	No. 2043 Wallace St., Phila., do
John G. Neuber,	1	Bethlehem's,	419	277	143	23	61	417	2		54	2	310	1831 34	No. 1304 Howard do do
Jacob Dahlman, Jr.,	1	Emmanuel's,	120	130	14	1	13	85		12	3	1	125	944 92	38th St., ab. Bridge, W. Phila., Pa.
Abraham Romich,	1	St. Stephen's,	131		32	16		101			5	1	150		No. 2023 Girard av., Phila., Pa.
Jacob Dahlman, Sr.,	1	Glassboro',	64	55	18	6	15	59		2	2	1	47	31 94	Glassboro', New Jersey.
A. v. Püchelstein, D.D.,	1	Egg Harbor,	112		36	12		100		5	6	1	120		Egg Harbor City, New Jersey.
Daniel Gans,	1	Church of the Ascen'n.,	150	45	9	3	4	100		4	3	1	80		Norristown, Pa.
J. Conrad Hauser,	1	St. Paul's,	102	115	17	5	12	41		1		1	80	25 12	No. 416 S. 23d St., Phila., Pa.
John Gantenbein,	1	Bridesburg,	77	160	20			77			10	1	170		Bridesburg, do do
S. R. Fisher, D.D.,		Ed. Ger. Ref., Mess.,													No. 54 N. 6th St., do do
J. B. Knipe, supply,	1	St. Vincent,	125	24				90				1	40		
S. G. Wagner, do	1	Whitemarsh,	113	52	10	2	1	96			2	1		47 41	
N. S. Aller, do	1	St. Peter's,	60			2		60			1	1		12 07	
S. Helffenstein, Jr.,		Without charge,													Blue Bell, Montgomery Co., Pa.
S. Ermentrout,		do do													Reading, Berks do
J. S. Lukens,		do do													Frankford, Philadelphia, Pa.
Charles Long,		do do													Norristown, do
E. M. Wolff,		do do													do do
George D. Schultz,		do do													Camden, New Jersey.
Charles W. Miller,		do do													Schuylkill, Chester Co., do
Henry Deshant,		do do													No. 1444 Camac St., Phila., Pa.
F. W. Pfister.		Miss. among Emg'ts,													2124 Fulton Av. Brooklyn, N. Y
J. P. Seiple.		Licentiate,													Carey, Ohio.

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Errors.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S.S. Sch'rs.	Benev. Contrib'n.	MINISTERS.
B. S. Schneck, D.D.,	1	2d Ch., Chambersburg,	40	30	6	1		40			2				Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Theobald Fouse,	7	Woodcock Valley,	535	600	51	44	2	520	1		29	4		$263 00	James' Creek, Huntingdon do
Henry Heckerman,	3	Bedford,	289	334	32	19	7	289	9		5	3	100	115 00	Bedford, Bedford do
Jacob Hassler,	1	Shippensburg,	190	139	22	17	9	178	4		6	1	90		Shippensburg, Cumberland do
Wm. M. Deatrick,	3	Friend's Cove,	330	290	30	8	6	315	5		8	3	150	120 25	Charlesville, Bedford do
Samuel. H. Reid,	3	Huntingdon,	230	270	20	6	1	230	1		2	3	180	20 00	Huntingdon, Huntingdon do
Isaac G. Brown,	2	Mercersburg,	212	230	7	7	2	201	15		3	2	85	63 26	Mercersburg, Franklin do
Thomas G. Apple,	2	Greencastle,	345	325	27	8	10	295	5		15	2	100	160 00	do do do
Walter E. Krebs,	3	Waynesboro',	308	201	17	6	7	250	5		9	1	120	88 00	Waynesboro', do do
John W. Love,	3	Waterstreet,	277	261	32	22	6	265	4		9	3	150	186 00	Alexandria, Huntingdon do
Abner R. Kremer,	3	Yellow Creek,	195	260	20	12	7	175	4	1	4	2	100	55 00	Pattonsville, Bedford do
Nehemiah H. Skyles,	3	Schellsburg,	365	270	38	17	4	360			12	3	104		Schellsburg, do do
Cyrus Cort,	1	Altoona,	70	65	22	1	13	68			5				Altoona, Blair do
Carl Whitmer,	3	Martinsburg,	201	179	25	11	7	181	1		13	1	35	115 00	Martinsburg, Blair do
A. Elijah B. Wilson,	4	Grindstonehill,	280	284	1			250			1	4			Fayetteville, Franklin do
Peter S. Davis,	1	1st Ch., Chambersb'g,	330		14	4	12	267	18		4	1	135		Chambersburg, do do
Calvin U. Heilman,	5	St. Clairsville,	449	445	40	19		390	10		25	3	160	45 00	St. Clairsville, Bedford do
Vacant,	2	Loudon & St. Thomas,	283	218	17		9	258	7		9	2	50		
do	3	McConnellsburg,	136	120	27	6		125				3	175		
do	4	Strasburg,	131	217	10	4	1	111	2		2	2			
do	1	Middleburg,	80								4	1	145		
John Rebaugh,		Without charge,													Harrisburg, Dauphin do
W. D. C. Rodrock,		do													Washington, D. C.
Geo. R. Zacharias,		do													Upper Strasburg, Franklin do

Prof. in Theol. Sem.—E. E. Higbee, Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa. *Tutor in Theol. Sem.*—Jacob B. Kerschner, Mercersburg, Franklin

CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'rs.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Daniel Zeller,		Superannuated,													Allentown, Lehigh county, Pa.
Daniel Weiser,		Without charge,													Pennsburg, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Peter S. Fisher,	4	Tohickon, &c.,	1170	631	58	45	4	912	4		54			$385 00	Sellersville, Bucks do
Clement Z. Weiser,	2	N. Goshenhoppen, &c.,	900	600	* 62	48		780	2		28		300	293 00	Pennsburg, Montgomery do
Samuel Hess,	5	St. Paul's, &c.,	910	550	108	51		860			36			62 96	Hellertown, Northampton do
Lewis C. Herman,		Without charge,													New Hanover, Montgomery do
Wm. R. Yearick,	2	Hilltown & Doylest'n,	292	183	21	8	11	278	5		6	2	100	36 00	Hilltown, Bucks do
J. Henry Dubbs,	4	Pottstown, (G.&E.)&c.	996	774	101	34	6	790	5		72	7	630	340 00	Pottstown, Montgomery do
David Rothrock,	4	Durham,	800	600	60	40		550			30	8	280	94 00	Bucksville, Bucks do
Robert A. Van Court,	3	Swamp, &c..	500	324	48	18		450			37	5	350	95 00	New Hanover, Montgomery do
P. P. A. Hoffman,	5	Fredensburg,	520	144	62	48	1	397	2		29	5	250	118 80	Oley, Berks do
August. L. Dechant,	4	Old Goshenhoppen,	500	350	52	55		443	2		43	3	250	70 00	Frederick, Montgomery do
Andrew J. G. Dubbs,	5	Saucon,	1063	800	161	58		878	2		68	11	650	90 00	Allentown, Lehigh do
Lucian Cort,		Without charge,			8						5				Quakertown, Penn.
S. M. K. Huber,	2	Keely's & Jerusalem,	273	137	21	36		226			16	2	205	75 50	Limerick, Montgomery do
Henry S. Bassler,	6	Upper Milford,	275	63	18	5		175	6						Shimersville, Lehigh do
W. G. Hackman, sup'y,	1	Towamencin,*	65					42				1			Kulpsville, Montgomery do
D. F. Brendle, do	1	Williams Township,	104	69										28 32	Bethlehem, Northampton do
N. S. Aller, do	1	New Hilltown,	79					79	1						Prospectville, Montgomery do
G. W. Aughinbaugh,	2	Riegelsville,*	160	100	24		10	150			6	2			Riegelsville, do do
Wm. M. Landis,		Licentiate,													Harmony, Butler do
L. C. Sheip,		Licentiate,													Doylestown, Bucks do

* Report of last year.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirma's.	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Benev. Contribut's	POS
ew York,	225		149	24	7	225		2		1	180	$150 00	New Yo
oston,	142		15	13	18	142		10	9	1	160		Boston,
ahway,	57		28		3	54		3	4	1	80	14 00	Rahway
ew Brunswick,	101					100							New Br
ridgeport,													

CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'rs.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
A. Helffenstein, Sr.,		Superannuated,													Shamokin, Pa.
A. Helffenstein, Jr.,		Without charge,													Maytown, Lancaster Co., Pa.
Daniel Hertz,	5	Ephrata,	310	150	32	18		270		7	20	5		$137 00	Ephrata, do do
W. T. Gerhard,	6	Supply,	385	241	26	22		258		1	15	5		56 75	Lancaster, Pa.
John Naille,	3	Elizabethtown,	175	110	12	3		116			14	2		50 00	Elizabethtown, Lancaster Co., Pa.
John W. Nevin, D.D.,		Prof. in F. & M. Col'ge,													Lancaster, Pa.
John G. Wolff,	1	Columbia,	52		3	4	3	38			1	1			do do
A. H. Kremer,	1	1st Church, Lancaster,	450	350	49	36	19	375		6	36	1	325	540 00	do do
E. V. Gerhart, D.D.,		Pres. of F. & M. Col'ge,													do do
Theo. Appel,		Prof. in do													do do
T. C. Porter, D.D.,		do do													do do
Isaac E. Graeff,	3	Millersville,	195	200	14	8		150		3	3	2		34 00	do do
Martin A. Smith,	5	Hummelstown,	310	260	22	12	5	190		11	8	5	200	175 00	Hummelstown, Dauphin Co., Pa.
John V. Eckert,	3	New Providence,	212		11	4		130			12	3		150 00	Quarryville, Lancaster do
Vacant,	1	New Holland,	100					68				1			
Henry Mosser,	1	St. Paul's, Lancaster,	185		10	9	17	118		3	4	1	145	32 00	Lancaster, Pa.
Fred. Fox,	1	2d Ch., Harrisburg,	48	50	22	2	13	63			17	1	80	25 00	Harrisburg, Pa.
W. H. H. Snyder,	1	1st do do	247	173	11	13	18	178			7	2		196 50	do do
Vacant,	1	Middletown,	61					52				1			
Vacant,	1	Maytown,	33					28							
Fred. A. Gast,		Chap. 145th Reg. P.V.,													Loudon, Franklin Co., Pa.
D. W. Gerhard,															

CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S.S. Sch'rs.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Isaac Shellhammer,	5	Union,	260	237	45	10		131			17	5			Black Creek, Luzerne Co., Pa.
Rudolph Dünger,	1	Ashland,	290	200	31	25		180	1		4				Ashland, Schuylkill do
William Goodrich,	6	Bloomsburg,	450	400	21	15	6	400	6		17	5	300		Clearspring, Washington Co., Md.
Nathaniel E. Bressler,	6	Armstrong Valley,	425	450	65	22		210			76	4			Fisherville, Dauphin Co., Pa.
Albert G. Dole,	1	Milton,	150	125	13	4	3	140			5	1		$150 00	West Philadelphia, Pa.
Jared Fritzinger,	8	Mahony,	475	400	75	14		340			40	8			Greenbrier, Northumb'ld do
Henry Hoffman,	8	Conyngham,	550	350	78	53		403			15	5		52 55	Conyngham, Luzerne do
David B. Albright,	2	Paradise,	340	184	10			330	5		7	3	200	212 15	Limestoneville, Montour do
John W. Steinmetz,	3	Danville,	180	160	28	20	13	154	10		1	3	170	150 00	Danville, do do
George E. Addams,	2	Mount Zion,	340	300	23	36	7	256	1		12	2	60		Turbotville, Northumb'ld Co., Pa.
Isaac Stiely,	8	Mahontongo,	450	500	141	19		271			51	4			Rough & Ready, Schuylk'll do
William C. Cremer,	5	Sunbury,	593	372	35	40	3	320	5		20	1		40 00	Sunbury, Northumberland do
Henry Losch,	4	Hazleton,	450	450	98	21		275			28	1	50	22 00	Potterville, Bradford do
S. Gutelius,	2	Lykenstown.	97	115				97							Lykens, Dauphin do
John W. Lescher,	5	North Susquehanna,	250		48	13		140			40	5		14 84	Bloomsburg, Columbia do
R. H. Schmidt,	3	Chevry,	230	140	26	56	2	180	5		10	3	150		Dushore, Sullivan do
R. H. W. Hibschman,	3	Shamokin,	215	225	25	12	3	118			6	3	150	48 26	Shamokin, Northumberland do
Vacant,	8	Lykens Valley,	550	600				480				8			
do	4	Berrysburg,	400	300	24		3	350			15	3			
Ephraim Kieffer,		Without Charge,													Mifflinburg, Union do
E. P. Diehl,		Licentiate,													Danville, Montour do
Samuel Transeau,		do													Kutztown, Berks do

CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'rs.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Jonathan Zeller,		Without charge,													Lock Haven, Clinton Co., Pa.
Adolph B. Caspar,		do do													New Berlin, Union do
David G. Klein,		do do													Linden Hall, Centre do
William H. Groh,	5	Boalsburg,	381	410	35	33	9	320	5		11			$259 04	Boalsburg, do do
Lewis C. Edmonds,	6	Adamsburg,	365	308				365							Beaver Springs, Snyder do
Henry Charles Heyser,	6	Liverpool,	214		35			214			11			16 75	Richfield, Juniata do
Israel S. Weisz,	4	Mifflinburg,	450	400	35	16	19	380	13	6	20	5	290	145 00	Williamsport, Lycoming do
John K. Millet,	4	Nittany,	185	185	15	2	8	159	7		6	4	120	88 02	Walker, Centre do
A. R. Hottenstein,		Without charge,													Pottsgrove, Nothumberl'd Co., Pa.
Samuel Kuhn,	4	Aaronsburg,	396	286	21	1	4	192	3		2	4	100		Aaronsburg, Centre do
Ephraim S. Sheip,	4	Bellefonte,	160	220	17	11	3	121			3	3		44 00	Bellefonte, do do
Jacob Mayer,		Without charge,													Lock Haven, Clinton do
William M. Reily,	2	Lewisburg,	400	250	13	7	1	300	5		2	2	200	87 53	Lewisburg, Union do
Chas. F. Hoffmeier,	4	Rebersburg,	293	211	20	1		137							Rebersburg, Centre do
Vacant,	6	New Berlin,													
	5	Selinsgrove,	386	236	41	8		300	3		8	5		9 25	
	4	Nippanose,*	424					407							
		Lock Haven,													
	1	Williamsport,*	297	400	45	11	12	260	5	1	30	2	120		
	4	White Deer,													

* Statistics of the old charge.

CLASSIS OF CLARION.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. School.	S. School Scholars.	Benev. Contribu's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Frederik Wise,	1	St. Thomas,	112	75	18	10	3	86			1	2		$ 16 00	South Bend, Armstrong Co., Pa.
Joseph G. Shoemaker,	4	Curllsville,	260	235	15	18	4	250		1	15	4	250	202 2	Curllsville, Clarion do
Joseph H. Apple,	1	Rimersburg,	77	80	5	2		52			3	1	40	14 60	Rimersburg, do do
Jeremiah S. Shade,		Without Charge,													Jefferson Furnace, Clarion do
Milton H. Hockman,	2	South Bend Mission,	107	100	25	20	5	103			1	1	104	76 41	South Bend, Armstrong do
William C. Houpt,	1	Tylersburg Mission,	25	21	13			25			2			22 00	
William G. Engel,	4	Redbank,	270	225				200				3	150	49 57	Shannondale, Clarion do
Jacob Y. Snyder,	4	Kittanning,	270	230	20	3	2	175		4	12	3	150	111 10	Rural Valley, Armstrong do
Herman Bielfeld,	4	Luthersburg,	320		36	36		240			13	3	160	28 74	Troutville, Clearfield do
David O. Shoemaker,	4	Petersburg,	490	468	27	27	4	270		3	18	3	200	93 90	St. Petersburg, Clarion do

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MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S.S.Sch'rs.	Benev. Contribut's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Henry F. Hartman,	3	Shenango,	320	200	57	31	27	315		34		3	250	$130 00	West Greenville, Mercer Co., Pa.
Lawrence D. Leberman,	1	Meadville,	325	156	86	19		182		5	9	1	100	174 00	Meadville, Crawford do
Lucian J. Mayer,	3	Sharon,	322	261	40	26		290			12			45 00	Sharon, Mercer do
	2	Fairview,	330	295	45	45	3	300			20	2	100	320 00	
Abner Dale,	2	Mercer,	120	99	16	3	10	100		3	9	1	45	66 38	Loudon, do do
George B. Russell,	1	All Souls,	53	61	15	14	8	48	1	3	2	1	70	121 00	Allegheny City, Pa.
Jno. Kretzing,	3	Decker Run,	135	110	18	12		100			3			50 00	Cochranton, Crawford do
C. A. Limberg,	2	Butler,	127		10	8	7	120		1		2	60	23 66	Butler, Butler do
C. R. Dieffenbacher,	2	West Greenville,	155		1			155							West Greenville, Mercer do
Vacant,	4	Sagertown,	268		29	5	7	229			4				
Wm. M. Landis,	2	Harmony,	261	192	44	21		234			4	2	100	104 97	Harmony, Butler do
John W. Ebbinghouse,	1	Titusville,	55	56				55							Titusville, Crawford do
Vacant,	3	Watson Run,													
Vacant,	1	Rochester,	30					30							
Samuel N. Callender,		Without charge,													Meadville, do do
Philip Zeiser,		do do													Hamburg, Mercer do
Caspar Scheel,		do do													Hagerstown, Md.
David D. Leberman,		do do													Meadville, Pa.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

...s.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirm'd Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunicated.	Dismissed.	Deaths.
...nia.	23	78	15,031	12,205	1,515	584	65	11,507	2	40	536
	26	65	10,124	3,559	1,215	410	115	8,048	1	46	502
	20	70	7,570	5,221	660	389	116	6,123	1	43	278
	23	49	6,202	4,305	654	244	193	5,443		173	283
	9	27	1,623					1,569			
	5	25	1,107					1,340			
	30	28	5,024	2,195	1057	311	321	4,985	2	57	371
	23	58	5,276	4,738	458	212	103	4,768	1	91	167
	19	51	8,607	5,325	804	446	32	7,010		29	430

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